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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS **EASTERN DIVISION** JOHN FULTON vs. ROBERT BARTIK, et al. Case No. 20 C 03118 and ANTHONY MITCHELL vs. ROBERT BARTIK, et al. Case No. 20 C 03119 VIDEOCONFERENCE DEPOSITION OF ROBERT J. BUB ON BEHALF OF THE INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS APRIL 6, 2023

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                                                                          Q Good morning, Mr. Bub. Could you please
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Page 6 1 state and spell your name for the record?

- 2 A Sure. My name is Robert, R-o-b-e-r-t,
- 3 last name is Bub, B-u-b.
- 4 MS. ADEEYO: This is the deposition of
- 5 Robert Bub taken pursuant to notice and
- 6 according to the Federal Rules of Civil
- 7 Procedure and all applicable rules.
- 8 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) Mr. Bub, how many times
- 9 have you sat for a deposition?
- 10 A This would be I think my fourth -- no,
- 11 fifth, fifth time.
- 12 Q And when was the last time that you were
- 13 deposed that you can recall?
- 14 A I believe it was either April or May of
- 15 last year.
- 16 Q And when you testified in April or May of
- 17 last year, was that as an expert or was that as a
- 18 witness in a case?
- 19 A That was as an expert.
- 20 Q Is it fair to say that all five times that
- 21 you can recall that you've been deposed, you were
- 22 testifying as an expert?
- 23 A No. The first deposition was within my
- 24 duties when I was a detective supervisor with the Los

- 1 A It could be anywhere from 2000 -- well, I
- 2 would say probably around 2012, but I'm not a
- 3 hundred percent sure as to what year.
- 4 Q And so aside from that first deposition
- 5 and then your last deposition, your fifth one, those
- 6 other three occasions where you sat for a dep, were
- 7 you testifying as an expert?
- A Yes. I'm sorry, it's going to be -- it's
- 9 going to be four. I'm trying to -- I want to make
- 0 sure the record is correct and my memory.
- 11 Q No, absolutely understood. And let me
- 12 just say that if at any time you realize you may
- 13 have made an error, you know, feel free to let me
- 14 know and correct your testimony, okay?
- 15 A Yeah. I believe -- I think it's four, I'm
- 6 sorry. I did two for a case last year and one prior
- 17 in 2018, and then the one we're talking about now
- 18 when I was still with the department and that was
- 19 back around 2012.
- 20 Q Okay. And I know you've mentioned that
- 21 you've worked for the Los Angeles Police Department
- 22 and we'll get into that a bit more, but have you ever
- 23 been sued as a police officer or a detective while you
 - 4 were working with the Los Angeles Police Department?

- 1 Angeles Police Department. There was a civil suit
- 2 with regards to a cold case that I had looked at
- 3 again. There was an accusation that the original
- 4 detectives had somehow covered up for one of the
- witnesses, that there wasn't a prosecution, and wefound that there was nothing that supported that.
- 7 And then the person being accused sued the
- 8 accuser and I was deposed in accordance with my
- 9 investigation into the cold case to see if anything
- 10 had not been done correctly.
- 11 Q So, Mr. Bub, in that case that you just
- 12 spoke about the first time that you were deposed,
- 13 were you also a defendant to that lawsuit?
- 14 A No, ma'am, strictly as a witness.
- 15 Q Do you recall the name of that lawsuit at
- 16 all?
- 17 A I do not because I don't remember -- I
- 18 don't remember the circumstances of the case and the
- 19 circumstances of the lawsuit. I do not remember who
- 20 the plaintiff was. And the last -- the last name of
- 21 the defendant on that was Tilton, T-i-l-t-o-n. The
- 22 first name of Paris.
- 23 Q And do you recall what year it was that
- 24 you sat for that deposition?

- A I recall one lawsuit. It was early in my
- 2 career. And you have to understand the process
- 3 involved when you're with our department. Our
- 4 police department is represented by the City
- 5 Attorney's Office in Los Angeles.
- 6 There was a lawsuit. I was notified by
- 7 the city attorneys that there was a lawsuit and that
- 8 I was a defendant in that lawsuit. There's a
- 9 form -- we call it a 157 which is just an employee
- 10 report where -- it's a form you fill out and you're
- 11 requesting the city attorney to represent you as
- 12 part of your duties as a Los Angeles Police Officer.
- 13 I filled that out, submitted that to the City
- 14 Attornev's office.
- 15 And frankly, I don't know what happened
- 16 after that. I was never called to testify or deposed
- 17 in that, and I don't know the result of the lawsuit.
- 18 Whether the city settled or it went away, I just don't
- 19 know.
- 20 Q Do you recall the name of that case?
- 21 A I do not. That was so long ago, no, I
- 22 don't.
- 23 Q You mentioned that you were notified while
- 24 you were working in the department about the lawsuit.

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- 1 Do you recall what year you were notified?
- 2 A Again, no. It was -- it was early in my
- 3 career. I don't even remember if it was when I was
- 4 working patrol, or if I had been promoted to
- 5 detective.
- Like I said, I remember getting the
- 7 notification for the lawsuit, filling out the
- 8 paperwork, submitting it, and then basically out of
- 9 sight, out of mind. I never heard anything about it.
- 10 And it just kind of I think in my mind just went
- 11 away. I don't know.
- Q Okay, no problem. I'm not going to go 12
- 13 over every single rule of the deposition with you
- 14 because I'm sure you've heard them before especially
- 15 because your most recent one was just last year.
- 16 But I'm just going to remind you of a few
- 17 things. If you need to take a break at any time,
- 18 just let me know and we can do that. However, if
- 19 there is a question pending, I just ask that you
- 20 answer my question before we go on that break.
- 21 Also, because we're not in the same
- 22 location, let's try to make Ruthie's life as easy as
- 23 possible. So, just wait for me to finish my question
- 24 before you answer and I'm going to do my best to pay

- Page 12 1 research so I have an idea going in the number of
- people involved, maybe the names of the people, so
- that I can start in my head organizing what I'm
- going to be looking for, what I might be asking,
- what I might be trying to determine, what
- circumstances are involved in the case so that I can
- 7 familiarize myself and prepare for those issues that
- 8 might arise.
- 9 Q So, is it fair to say that it's customary
- 10 for you to download the Complaint when you're
- 11 retained as an expert?
- 12 A Not necessarily download, but I will
 - review it online. In this case, I did print it up.
- 14 But when they start getting into very lengthy
- 15 Complaints and paperwork, I'll just leave it. I'll
- 16 read it online. But in this case I downloaded and
- 17 printed it, yes.
- 18 Q Okay. Now, I'm going to just make things
- 19 easier for us, kind of mark a few things, exhibits,
- 20 in this deposition.
- 21 First, I'm going to mark as Exhibit 1, Bub
- CV 2023. I'll mark as Exhibit 2, Bub Case List
- 2023. And I'll mark as Exhibit 3, Mr. Bub's Expert
- 24 Report that was tendered in this case.

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- 1 you that same courtesy, okay?
- 2 A Certainly, yes.
- 3 Q Okay, great. Prior to your retention as
- 4 an expert in this case were you aware at all of
- 5 John Fulton's or Anthony Mitchell's criminal cases?
- 6 A No, ma'am.
- 7 Q After you were retained as an expert did
- 8 you endeavor to learn anything about John Fulton's or
- 9 Anthony Mitchell's lawsuits by going on Google or
- 10 trying to research their lawsuits?
- 11 A After I'd first spoken with Mr. Ainsworth
- 12 with regards to the possibility of me working for
- 13 the firm in this case, I went online and downloaded
- 14 I believe it was the initial Complaint, just to kind
- 15 of familiarize myself with what the accusations
- 16 were, with what the circumstances were, but that's
- 17 it until I agreed to take the case and then started
- 18 receiving the paperwork involved.
- 19 Q Okay. And other than to familiarize
- 20 yourself with the allegations contained in the
- 21 Complaint, were there any other reasons why you
- 22 sought to download the Complaint from the docket?
- 23 A It's just my method. If I have agreed to
- take on a case, I will do at least that much

So, Mr. Bub, I'm going to show you these,

- 2 and I just want to make sure we're looking at the
- same documents and then throughout the deposition
- I'll also probably put it up on my screen.
- Sure.
- 6 Q So, Mr. Bub, can you see my screen?
- 7 Α
- 8 Q And do you see here at the top where it
- says "Robert J. Bub"?
- 10 Yes.
- 11 Okay. And does this appear to be your CV
- 12 that you tendered in this case?
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- Okay. Now, this CV is three pages. Does 14
- 15 this appear to be your most recent CV?
- 16 A Yes, it does.
- 17 Okay. And when you tendered this CV to
- Mr. Ainsworth, had you made any additional revisions
- to your own personal copy of your CV?
 - A No. I mean this would be my personal
- 21 copy. There's nothing -- I haven't added anything
- 22 since submitting this.
- 23 Q Okay. Now, I'm going to turn to what I've
- marked as Exhibit 2 which is your case list. Do you

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1 recognize this, Mr. Bub?

- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q Okay. And that is, in fact, the case list
- 4 that you tendered in this case?
- 5 A Yes, it is,
- Q And it appears it's two pages but, in 6
- 7 fact, there's only information contained on one
- page. Is that fair?
- 9 A Yes. As a matter of fact, I was looking
- 10 at it yesterday and I can't figure out how to get
- 11 rid of that second page. But, yes, it's a single
- 12 page.
- 13 Q Okay, perfect. And then I'm going to turn
- 14 to what I've marked as Exhibit 3 to the top here.
- 15 Does this appear to be the expert report that you
- 16 tendered in this case?
- A Yes. 17
- 18 Q Okay I'll go all the way down here. This
- report should be 59 pages, is that correct? 19
- 20 A Correct.

1 that correct?

5 screen?

A That is correct.

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- 21 Q Going back to Exhibit 2, your case list.
- 22 I just want to make sure that the cases that are
- 23 listed here, these four cases, these are all the
- 24 cases that you've been tendered as an expert, is

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 - 2 presentation, to one of his undergraduate classes.
 - That was March 20th -- I'm sorry, March 21st and the
 - 22nd. So, I mean I had submitted this prior, so
- 6 A I have my case list because I wasn't sure

in front of you today aside from what's on my

- 7 if you were going to ask me who the point of
- 8 contacts were on any of these cases. I have a copy

Q Okay. Do you have these three documents

- 9 of my report. I did not print up a copy of my CV.
- 10 Q No problem. So, what I'll do, I'll make
- 11 sure that I share my screen when I go over specific
- 12 points, that way we'll make sure we're both looking
- 13 at the same thing, okay?
- 14 A Great, thank you.
- 15 Q I mean other than what you just mentioned
- 16 which is your case list, do you have any other
- 17 documents in front of you right now?
- A Well, I'm in my office, so I mean I don't 18
- 19 have anything set out for me. But, all around me I
- 20 have the binders with all the paperwork and all
- 21 that, but I have nothing that I've set out for
- 22 myself as a document.
- 23 Q Okay, sounds good. So, first let's take a
- 24 look at Exhibit 1 which is your CV. It appears that

- Page 16 1 on this first page of your CV you have listed your
- 2 current endeavors, the subject matters for which
- 3 you've been retained as an expert, your qualification
- highlights, as well as your professional highlights
- and achievements, is that right?
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- Q And the next page actually goes over your
- professional experience, is that fair?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Now, does your CV contain all of your
- professional experience, or are there any side jobs
- 12 or anything that you've done in your professional
- 13 career?
- 14 A I mean I've been a private investigator.
- 15 I don't do much anymore. I think I listed at the
- top of the CV that I still retain my license.
- 17 I've done -- I don't know if I'd list it
- 18 as a current endeavor -- on the third page where I
 - have the presentations that I've done.
- 20 Since I've submitted this, I have a
- 21 professional acquaintance, a friend who is a
- professor at the University of Missouri, St. Louis,
- 23 who just recently asked me -- I gave a case
- 24 presentation to one of his graduate classes and
 - Page 17
- 1 another presentation, a death investigation
- that's not updated on here.
- 6 And I think, now that you say that, if you
- go back to the first page there's a company, and I'm
- terrible with acronyms, CNA, that I have done a
- homicide unit assessment last year, and I neglected to
- put this on my CV -- thank you for bringing it up, I
- can update that -- for the Chattanooga Police
- 12 Department, their homicide unit.
- 13 It was a three day, in person assessment
- 14 where we went in, interviewed people from the homicide
- 15 unit, the supervisors, forensics people, attorneys,
- 16 and gave them an assessment, an idea of how they might
- improve their homicide unit to improve clearance rates
- and those sort of things. I do need to update that on my CV. And I think that's it.
- 20 Q Okay. So, this homicide unit assessment
- that you did for the Chattanooga Police Department,
- 22 can you recall when that occurred?
- 23 A I believe it was June of last year, May or
- 24 June of last year.

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- 1 Q And the case presentation and death
- 2 investigation presentation that you gave to the
- 3 University of Missouri at St. Louis, you said that
- 4 occurred between March 21st and the 22nd, is that
- 5 right?
- 6 A Yes. This is probably the only time I'll
- 7 be able to tell you the dates when it's that fresh8 in my mind.
- 9 March 21st was the case presentation. It
- 10 was a Tuesday night. And then March 22nd in the
- 11 morning I gave the death investigation presentation.
- 12 It's a presentation that I put together
- 13 while I was working with the police department for
- 14 patrol and new sergeants and new patrols into our
- 15 division on different ways to, as they go into a
- 16 crime -- not necessarily a crime scene but if they
- 17 go into a death investigation to recognize certain
- 18 wounds, what I would be looking for as a homicide
- 19 investigator, so that they have an idea of what I'm
- 20 looking for, so certain types of wounds, deaths,
- 21 context for crime scenes and that, so that they have
- 22 a feeling or a base knowledge for conducting a death
- 23 investigation. And I presented that to his class, his
- 24 I think undergraduate class, on I think a Wednesday

- 1 computer work, mapping and that sort of thing.
- We talked with the chief of police and one
- 3 of the assistant chiefs, and we talked with two of
- 4 the district attorneys that worked there. I think
- 5 they may refer to them as State's Attorneys, too, I
- 6 can't remember, but to get a feel for how they do
- 7 their investigations, what they might be able to do
- 8 better, how their relationship was between the
- 9 homicide detectives and forensic people, between the
- 10 detectives and the DA's office for cooperation
- 11 there, all those interactions, to see, you know, what
- 12 they might do better within their -- their unit to
- 13 improve.
- 14 Q And did you make any formal recommendations
- 15 as part of that assessment?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Okay. Was it the first -- was this the
- 18 first time that you assessed a police department in
- 19 terms of its performance or how they conduct
- 20 homicide investigations and then provide
- 21 recommendations?
- 22 A Yes, that was the first one that I had
- 23 done.
- 24 Q You also mentioned that you have worked as

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1 morning.

- And the main reason I remember that date
 is it's the anniversary of me going into the academy
- 4 of March 22nd, 1982, so that date just popped into
- 5 my head when we had scheduled the presentations.
- 5 Thy flead when we had scheduled the presentations.
- Q Thank you for that. You anticipated mynext question because I was going to ask you what
- 8 those presentations entailed.
- 9 So, when it comes to this homicide unit
- 10 assessment that you did in May or June of last year,
- 11 what exactly did that assessment entail?
 - A My partner and I would sometimes teach and
- 13 work with a Detective John Skaggs, S-k-a-g-g-s. And
- 14 we'd been retained by CNA -- again I cannot remember
- 15 what the acronym stands for -- but we did an
- 16 assessment of the Chattanooga, Tennessee Homicide
- 17 Unit. We flew there and we met with, as I said,
- 18 various members of their homicide unit and basically
- 19 their police department.
- There were two of the newer homicide
- 21 detectives, two of the senior homicide detectives,
- 22 two homicide supervisors. We talked with people in
- 23 their forensic unit. We talked with people in their
- 24 criminal support unit, the people who do their

- Page 21 a private investigator. When did you first obtain
- 2 your license to work?
- A November of 2015. It was within about six
- 4 or seven months of me retiring from the police
- 5 department, and that was in March of 2015.
- 6 Q I understand that you still have your
- 7 license, but when was the last time that you worked
- 8 as a private investigator, the last time you were on
- 9 a case?
- 10 A Actually, the last time, as I recently told
- 11 a friend jokingly, "I'm hanging up my fedora," I took
- 12 a case in December -- November, December. It was an
- 13 Army captain and his wife, she's a neurosurgeon nurse,
- 14 and they live in Fort Knox. He's stationed in Fort
- 15 Knox, they live in Kentucky, and they're estranged
- 16 from one of their daughters who was living in the Los
- 17 Angeles area, not actually close to where I am but in
- 18 the Los Angeles area.
- 19 What they were hoping for was someone to
- 20 actually find where she was, sit down, have a
- 21 conversation to try and facilitate them getting
- 22 back -- at least starting up a conversation to
- 23 connect again.
- 24 Q Okay. So, now I want to kind of walk

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1 through specifically what's contained on your CV in

the Professional Experience section.

3 I know that you have it written from

4 latest to earliest, but I'm probably going to work

backwards, just FYI, but I'm going to start down

6 here at the bottom of Page 2.

7 So, it says you were a patrol officer and

8 vice investigator with the Los Angeles Police

Department from March of 1982, to May, 1993, 9

10 correct?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Okay. And I think you just told me you

13 entered the academy March 22nd of 1982, is that

14 right?

15 A That is correct.

16 Q So, when did you begin working as a patrol

17 officer for LAPD?

18 A Our academy is a six month academy, so my

19 class graduated in September of 1982, and I was

20 first assigned to the 77th Division which is

21 in South Los Angeles and that's a probationary

22 period. The rank is considered Patrol Officer 1,

and I was a P1 for a year before you pass your

24 probation and you are automatically made a Patrol

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1 Officer 2. And then you transfer out of that

2 division of assignment and you'll be transferred

3 somewhere else.

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Q So, once you became a Patrol Officer 2

5 after you said about a year of working as a 6 probationary officer, where were you assigned?

A The way our department works is once you

8 finish your probation, or at least at that time, it's

9 been a while, at that time you were either sent to

10 Communications Division to do a one year stint or

11 Jail Division where you did I believe it was eight

12 months, seven or eight months. And I considered

13 myself, finger quotes, lucky enough to get to Jail

14 Division because then I was out and back into the

15 street in a shorter amount of time.

16 So, from September of 1982, until I

17 believe it was March of 1983, I was assigned to Jail

18 Division. And then I transferred -- I'm sorry,

19 that's not going to be right. It's going to be

20 September of '83, to March of '84, because I had

21 done that one year in 77th Division to March of

22 1984, and then I transferred from Jail Division to

23 West Valley Division.

Q While you were part of the Jail Division,

Page 24 1 what were some of your responsibilities or duties?

2 A At the time the sworn officers -- because

our Jail Division was staffed by civilian employees.

They were called station officers that worked the

jails. They would do the actual physical input of

6 information for booking.

7 As patrol officers we were responsible for

doing searches of people who had been arrested,

whether it be misdemeanor or felony. We would also

handle, depending on the watch you were working, the

security for moving people from the various cells to

the dining area when the arrestees would eat. And

13 then back into their cells, we would assist.

14 There was a doctor on site. We would 15 assist them with doing rounds for those people who 16

had medications, various things like that. 17 The only other part of the booking process

18 that we would sometimes do would be like

19 fingerprinting where you actually had some physical

20 contact with arrestees in case someone became

21 combative, so that you had a sworn officer there

22 rather than civilian officers.

23 Q Okay. But during that time while you

were working in the Jail Division you didn't take 24

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1 part in any intake interviews or anything like that

with detainees, is that fair to say?

A No, that's correct. We would bring them

up and we would do the searches, the physical

searches, but the station officers would be the ones

6 asking them questions for the booking input.

7 Q Okay. I meant to ask you while you were

in your probationary period over at 77th Street,

what did that probationary period entail? Were you

10 shadowing other officers?

11 A Yes. You're assigned -- when you're on

12 probation, the year that you're on probation, you

13 are assigned various training officers, which is a

14 P3. Generally, if you see any shows where they

emulate Los Angeles Police Department, these would

be the guys that are wearing uniforms with what

appear to be corporal stripes, two stripes. 17

They're considered training officers, P3s. 18

19 You're assigned with -- each training

20 officer, you'll put -- you're put on a basic car

which handles a particular patrol area, and that is

22 the person who will train you on -- well, let me

23 take a step back. You learn how to write reports

and what reports to take and all that in the

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- 1 academy, but those are -- that's an academic
- 2 situation.
- 3 Your training officer will teach you in
- 4 the field how to deal with taking that information
- 5 from actual victims in the field, actual witnesses
- 6 in the field while maintaining, you know, tactical
- 7 advantage and keeping an eye on or an ear out for
- 8 the radio for other radio calls where you might have
- to respond to something and then return to that 9
- 10 person.
- 11 But they'll train you on any one of three
- 12 shifts. At the time it was very basic. There was a
- day watch shift, a PM watch shift, and what we
- 14 referred to as an AM watch which generally went from
- 15 approximately 11:00 at night to about 7:00 -- 7:00,
- 16 7:30 in the morning depending on your meal breaks
- 17 and that.
- 18 But you're assigned to all three watches
- 19 while you're on probation, and usually you'll have
- 20 if not one training officer for each one of those
- 21 watches, two training officers for each one of those
- 22 watches so that you have an idea of how different
- people handle different radio calls, how they write
- 24 -- some guys are better report writers than others.
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- 1 Some guys like to do different types of things so
- 2 that you get a more well rounded foundation for
- working patrol.
- Q Understood. So, while you were working as 4
- 5 a probationary officer, is that when you learned how
- to -- I think you said interview victims, but did
- 7 you also partake in interviewing suspects at all?
- A Yes, yeah. We would do suspect interviews
- 9 when you were out on a radio call, something that
- precipitated you arresting a suspect. You would
- interview suspects, you would interview witnesses,
- 12 victims, transport suspects back to the station.
- 13 You learned about admonishing people of
- 14 Miranda rights. You would learn different methods
- 15 for talking to people. And even community
- 16 relations, just being in the field and talking to
- 17 people, you know, during your day-to-day
- 18 interactions, just walking in and speaking to
- 19 people.
- 20 Sometimes you would walk -- there were
- 21 times where you would be assigned to like what's
- 22 referred to as a foot beat where you would walk
- 23 around like a certain area that's more commercial
- and you would get to know the shop owners and that

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- 1 sort of thing. So, it's just general interaction with
- the public, also.

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- 3 Q So, after you left the Jail Division, I
- believe you said you then went to West Valley
- Division, am I correct?
- 6 That's correct.
 - Q Okay. And you were working as a patrolman
- in West Valley, is that right?
- 9 A That is correct, also.
 - Q Okay. So, it's fair to say that your
- 11 typical responsibilities and duties in that role
- were similar to what you were doing as a
 - probationary officer where you would interact with
- the community, you would take interviews of
- witnesses, suspects and the like, and you would
- 16 report the calls, is that fair to say?
- 17 A Yes, anything from -- you could be --
- 18 anything from an alarm call to responding to any
- call that might end up being a homicide scene and
- 20 having to set up a homicide scene before the
- 21 detectives arrived.
- 22 Q When you say set up a homicide scene
- before the detectives arrived, can you just explain
 - to me what you mean by that?

- A Both on probation and working pretty much
- every patrol division, you might have a call that
- would come out as a welfare check which means
- somebody hasn't scene a neighbor. It could be, you
- know, a shots fired call, it could be a domestic
- violence call, and you would respond to the scene.
- 7 And sometimes the ambulance would have to transport
- someone, so you would lock down the scene depending
- on the degree of injury that the ambulance people
- 10 would tell you that they're observing.
- 11 And sometimes you would, you know, like
- with a welfare check, you might roll up and find out
- 13 that someone had been unfortunately the victim of a
- burglary, what we would refer to as a hot prowl
- 15 where someone commits a burglary, they break into a
- 16 house and there's somebody home that they weren't
- 17 anticipating, a fight breaks out and somebody is
- 18 killed, and so they haven't been seen in a number of
- 19 days.
- 20 You would lock down the scene, try and --
- if there are any witnesses that you could locate and
- this would be like on a shots fired call or anything
- from a drive-by shooting to, like I said, a domestic
- 24 violence call in public, locate witnesses, lock down

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1 the scene so that the evidence wouldn't be disturbed.

2 We would -- as patrol officers we would

- 3 start canvassing neighbors to see if they had heard
- 4 anything, mark evidence with -- we would have what's
- 5 referred to as FI cards, they're field interview
- 6 cards. And if we located evidence, we would like
- 7 bend one of the cards and put it over, say, a
- 8 casing.
- 9 Or if there was an expended round, or if
- 10 there was like a blood trail, we would put it next
- 11 to it so that when the detectives got there, we
- 12 could brief them on what we had and what we had
- 13 seen, and then they would make the determination on
- 14 how to go from that location or position.
- 15 Q When you would canvass the neighborhood 16 would you normally do this by yourself or would you
- 17 do this with a partner or another patrol officer?
- 18 A Depends on how large the area is. In some
- 19 of the residential neighborhoods where it's like all
- 20 single family homes, your partner might take one side
- 21 of the street and you would take the other side of the
- 22 street and you would just door knock going up and down
- 23 the street.

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If it was an apartment building where you

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It is a card where you would write down a driver's license number, a name, an address, sex, hair, eyes, hair and eye color -- I'm sorry, the height, weight, date of birth, maybe the clothing that they wore. This would also be required before you book somebody.

But then it will have anything -- there's a section on the bottom for what kind of vehicle they may have been in. And on the back side you could list the people they were with so they can be cross referenced.

And then there's a small text area -- and of course, this is back in 1982. Since I've retired, they've added social media listings for like emails and all the rest of that. But there's just maybe about a six line area where you can write a narrative.

And what we would do in a canvass is you would take those FI cards, I would go up to, say, you know, 1234 Main Street and I would door knock and if somebody answered I would write down the information as to who they were on the front so that I had that phone number and whatever information I would get.

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- 1 may lose sight of your partner because of the number
- 2 of floors, the number of apartments and all that,
- 3 you might do it with a partner where you're both
- 4 going from door to door together, just for an
- 5 officer safety issue. So, it could go either way.
- 7 that you're in.
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- 9 neighborhood and, you know, you're going around
- 10 knocking on doors and for whatever reason you're
- 11 doing it alone. Let's say it's just an area where
- 12 it's large or maybe, you know, your partner took the
- 13 other side, or for whatever reason you're doing
- 15 with potential witnesses, would you take notes about
- 16 that lack of contact?
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- 20 ahead, Mr. Bub.
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- 22 described to you before, field interview cards,
- 23 the basic use of it is when you would have
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- 6 It just depends on the circumstance, the location
- Q Okay. So, let's say you're canvassing a

- 14 that canvass alone. If you don't make any contact
- - A Yes. Again the FI card --
 - MR. AINSWORTH: Let me just object to the
- form of the question. Thank you very much. Go
 - THE WITNESS: The FI cards that I
- contact with someone in the field.

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And on the back if they had nothing to say, they hadn't seen or heard anything, or they were out of town, they weren't at home at

the time when we thought it happened, we would note that on the back along with our name and serial number.

If we would door knock and there would be no contact, we would write that on the back, you know, door knock, no contact, no answer. and then whenever you got to whatever boundary you had been given for doing that canvas, you would make sure that all that information, whatever information you had was there, and then you would return and those field interview cards would be given to the detectives to put into what we refer to in the department as a murder book which is a -- basically it's a three inch binder with -- we have pre-printed section dividers that there's like twenty-six where there's a different number of things --

And those would be placed in usually Section 14 which was a witness section for listing. And then the detectives, they go back

different things go in different sections.

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1 and they can go through those and look and see

2 where there is no contact where they might want

3 to go back and find out -- because it may have

4 been that there was a witness that was there at

5 the time the crime happened, but they weren't

6 there at the time we did the canvass.

And so the detectives would go back and door knock a second time to find if anybody was

9 there, maybe leave a business card that says,

10 you know, when you get a chance, please contact

11 me kind of thing.

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12 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) Let's say you're doing a

canvass -- I know you gave me an example of 1234 Main 13

Street so I'm going to use that as well. Let's say

just based on you doing that canvass you determine

that that address is a vacant building, that no one

17 lives there. Would you still fill out an FI card?

18 A Yes, you just list the address on the

19 front in the address box, and on the back you would

20 put "vacant house," and then you might put an

21 explanation, you looked in a window and no furniture,

22 no one apparently living inside the house.

23 Q Now, you also mentioned when you were

24 giving that example, that let's say you finished the 1 more.

2 Q Okay. Now, you also mentioned that once

you, you know, you fill out your FI cards, you would

then proceed to give them to a detective who would

put those cards in the witness section of the murder

book. Do I have that right?

7 A Correct.

8 Okay. So, as a patrolman did you ever

put any specific documents in the murder book

10 vourself?

11 A No. A homicide investigation on our

12 department, it's an obviously confidential

investigation. Usually there's two partners working

a homicide investigation, and they are solely

15 responsible for that investigation. Anything that

goes in the murder book is presented to the

detectives and then they make the determination 17

18 where in the murder book it would go.

19 But as a patrol officer or any other

20 detective, we don't put anything in without the lead

detective knowing about it, and we would certainly

22 not take anything out of a murder book. That's

the -- at most locations, the murder books are

actually locked up either in a separate office that

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1 boundary that you had been given. From that

2 example, who would it have been who told you what

boundary to canvass? Would that have been a

4 supervisor or a detective or both?

5 A Usually -- well, if you're on probation

6 it's going to be your training officer. As a

7 training officer which I later was, we would start

the canvass sometimes prior to the detectives being

there, but when we present the cards to the

10 detectives, they may send us back out to expand that

11 canvass, or they may accept the boundary that we had

12 elected to use.

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13 You would just go back and say, you know, 14 we did both sides of the street, both directions to

15 the next cross street, and they would be like great.

Or they may say, there's houses behind,

17 can you send somebody around to the three houses

directly behind this location and maybe door knock

19 them to see if they heard anything.

20 But, as a general rule we would do the

canvass on the street for the area where it was, and

22 the detectives when they arrived, they would make a

determination if they thought we had done enough or if they wanted more, we would go back out and do

1 nobody has access to, or in places that -- and I've

worked in divisions where your desk is the homicide

table. And I'll explain that later if you want. But

at the homicide table you are in an area where

there are other detectives. We would have locked

cabinets that we had access to, and the murder books

would go in those locked cabinets that only the

investigating officer -- the primary investigating

9 officer would have access to.

10 Q I will be asking you about a homicide

11 table later, but I figured I'd hold off on that

until we get to the portion of your CV where we talk

13 about your detective experience.

14 Okay. So, just a few questions based on

15 that. So, you mentioned that usually two partners

16 work on a homicide investigation within LAPD, is

17 that right?

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A That is correct.

19 Q And so among those two partners, to your

20 knowledge is one always assigned a lead detective?

21 A Usually, yeah, you'll have -- between the

22 two partners usually they're long term partners, you

know, guys that have worked together for a certain

amount of time. And you can kind of tell who has a

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1 more vested interest in the case when you arrive at 2 a scene.

3 I worked with one partner who I'm still

4 very good friends with to this day, and we could go

in and start working a scene and we would know

between the two of us which one had -- the case

7 itself had piqued their interest a little bit more.

and they would generally take the lead. There wasn't

9 like a push and pull over that.

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10 And I will throw this in as a caveat, that is not to say that in certain investigations that 11

12 you and your partner may get called out, if it is

larger than two people, we would also have -- say,

14 another team got called out to a murder, it's not

15 unheard of for the detective supervisor to say,

16 "Hey, do you need some help," and you would say to

17 them, "Yeah, I could use another couple of bodies,"

18 you know, to do -- not necessarily canvassing.

But for example, we had a -- when I was the 20 supervisor in Van Nuys Division we had a shooting

21 where we had -- it was a self-defense shooting, but we

22 didn't have the complete issue at the time. We had

the shooter in custody, but we also had the two people 24 who under felony murder rule had started the crime,

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A Yes. And generally -- and sometimes, you 1

know, both guys the same. So, you would have a

primary -- we had more of a primary team, but one

guy generally took the lead on the case.

5 As a supervisor and when I was first working homicide, our supervisors wouldn't

necessarily say, "Bub, you're the lead and your

partner is going to be secondary." He would give it

9 to the team and you would make the determination.

You generally worked all the leads, all

11 the follow-ups as a team. And it also works better

in that fashion because if one of you has a specific

day off that you need or if somebody goes on

14 vacation, the case can continue. It doesn't

necessarily go stagnant if one of you has -- if like

16 you have a single lead investigator and that person

17 has a two week vacation coming up, the case doesn't

go stagnant while they're gone. You have -- the

19 secondary officer can just grab another partner and 20 go out and follow leads.

21 Q Okay. I'm now going to kind of jump back

22 into, you know, your time line while with the LAPD. 23 I believe that we left off with you as a

patrolman in West Valley Division. How long were

1 we had both of them in custody. Both of them had

2 been sent to the hospital. They were actually the

worst shooters of the three people involved in the

case, but one of them was a juvenile. So, we had a

six hour window to get them from being arrested to

juvenile detention. And we still had a scene that

7 was going to take us hours to do.

8 So, we called in -- I called in two

additional detectives so that one team would go with

10 the juvenile or one went with the juvenile and one

went with the adult suspect to the two separate

12 hospitals and we had the guys working the scene, and

we had one with our intended victim who was our

14 shooter on that with him. So, I mean we had people

15 going in every direction.

16 So, normally you would call out two

17 people, but it was not unheard of to have more

detectives roll in to assist on a scene where 18

19 there's time constraints.

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Q Okay. And I think you kind of between --

21 typically, it's between the two partners who were

22 assigned to that homicide to kind of determine who

wants to take the lead on it. I believe you said a

vested interest, is that right?

you a patrolman there?

A I was in West Valley for approximately a

year. I requested a transfer. West Valley Division

is one of the slower divisions in the city, and as a

younger officer you still kind of crave, you know,

rolling around lights and sirens and responding to

7 hot calls and that sort of thing.

8 So, I was there for approximately a year

9 and I transferred to Hollywood Division.

10 Q And while you were in the Hollywood

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Division you were still working as a patrolman, is

12 that fair?

13 Α Yes.

14 Q Okay. And so your responsibilities and

15 duties remained the same, or were there any

16 differences?

17 A For the most part they remained the same.

I did a short time period, maybe in Hollywood, maybe

about six months where I was working what was known

as the prostitution enforcement detail. It was a

21 uniformed assignment, but in a plain vehicle.

22 And we would roll around -- Hollywood was 23 known as a location, we had quite a few what they

24 refer to as a stroll, s-t-r-o-l-l, where we had a

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1 number of prostitutes in different areas of the

2 division.

3 And as the prostitution enforcement detail 4 we would enforce a misdemeanor code. It was 372, 5 which is public nuisance, where we would, you

6 know, stop a consensual encounter, talk to them,

7 give them like basically a warning ticket. I did

8 that for about six months. It was in conjunction

9 with the vice unit that would be the actual undercover

10 officers working plain clothes in unmarked,

11 non-police cars.

12 Q And that six month period in which you 13 were in the prostitution enforcement detail, that 14 occurred in 1985, '86?

15 A Yeah. I was in Hollywood from March of 16 '85, through I want to say around December of 1986, 17 somewhere around there.

18 So, I think grand total I was in Hollywood 19 for about twenty months, so I had worked patrol for 20 an amount of time before I was asked if I wanted to 21 work the prostitution detail. And I went up there 22 and I worked it for six -- it may have been a little

23 bit longer, it may have been as long as nine months. 24

And then while it was interesting to do

1 toward a promotion at that level anyway.

2 Q Did you have to undergo any specific

3 training to join the prostitution detail?

4 A No. That was again you would work with -although there was no ranking officer, there wasn't

a training officer there, you would work with

somebody who had been in the unit for a certain

amount of time, was familiar with, you know, the

practices and then they would kind of show you the 10 ropes.

11 It wasn't -- as I said, it wasn't that 12 difficult to learn. I mean it was just a different series of paperwork as to what was required for arrests or filings, city attorney filings, misdemeanors. So -- I mean that maybe inside of a month, month and a half, you were familiar enough that you weren't considered, you know, new or being 17 18

trained in that area. 19 Q Okay. So, after you left the Hollywood 20 Division, what was your next assignment?

21 A From Hollywood I went back down to 77th. 22 They had a lot of turnover. Again it was -- I had a

lot of friends still down there from when I had done

probation, guys that were training officers that I

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1 for a certain amount of time, I just kind of grew

2 out of it and returned to patrol, also in hopes of

promoting. There wasn't a lot of -- you couldn't go

4 from a P2 to a P3 working the prostitution

5 enforcement detail, you would have to be working in

6 patrol to get those assignments.

7 And so I returned to patrol so that -- in 8 furtherance of, you know, possibly promoting and 9 becoming a training officer.

10 Q Okay. So, when you were asked to work for 11 the prostitution detail, that wasn't considered a 12 promotion?

13 A It's a specialized unit, so it looks good 14 on a resume. But for actual promotion somebody, if

15 they're going to promote to become a training

16 officer, it's a field training officer. It wouldn't

17 be in a specialized unit like that. And the guys

18 were still working patrol because they're familiar

19 with it, they're familiar with the people, they're

20 doing all that stuff currently, they would have a

21 leg up over somebody who had been working a

22 specialized unit.

23 So, I mean it was -- it's a feather in 24 your cap, but it doesn't necessarily boost you much respected and learned from.

And there was also a better opportunity to

promote because the faster divisions which -- some

of the south -- what are referred to as the South

End Divisions which are Southeast, 77th, Southwest

Division, Newton Division, they would generally send

a lot of probationers down there, and so there was

always a need for training officers because guys

would then promote from training officer to sergeant

and move off again, so there was more of an

opportunity.

12 So, I returned to 77th as a P2, and 13 within -- I shouldn't say within because I don't

recall how long. It wasn't very long, it was

probably within about six or seven months I was able 16 to promote and become a training officer in 77th.

17 Q And when you were promoted to becoming a 18 training officer within the 77th Division, were you

19 asked to apply for that role, or did you take it 20 upon yourself?

21 A They would advertise -- our department

22 would advertise within divisions, referred to as openings. You would see something -- it would come

around maybe once a month that was citywide. You

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1 could apply anywhere, but it was citywide promotions.

2 And I think at the time they had -- when I 3 applied they had three openings for FTOs, field

4 training officers. And I applied, and I think there

5 were probably about twelve people, you know, twelve

6 other people. And you take an oral interview in

7 front of two or three lieutenants, and they make a

8 selection as to who they want to promote within the

9 division.

10 Q I know you mentioned the oral interview, 11 was there any other component with regard to the 12 application process to be promoted to an FTO?

13 A Yes. There's a written test that you take14 that's given citywide, but it's given and once you

15 pass that test -- hang on, let me make sure I'm

16 thinking of the right thing here. It's been a while,

17 it's been like forty years. No, I'm sorry, take

18 that back. The detective and sergeant is a written

19 test. P3, you would have applied for that, and if

20 you had a specific amount of time on that -- you

21 would take a test if you had less than a certain

22 amount of time on the job.

23 If you had a certain amount of time24 working on the job as a P2, the test was waived.

1 written test for this promotion, is that correct?

2 A That's correct. I think I was -- I was --

3 yeah, I'm sorry, again I'm trying to think back.

4 Yeah, I had enough time on when I applied for it,

5 you know, put in your paperwork which is -- it's

6 just basically -- kind of the department's version

7 of a resume, a CV. And then you had the oral

8 interview and you were selected.

9 Q Okay. So, after you were promoted to an 10 FTO, how long were you in that role?

11 A I was -- well, between that and other

12 divisions I was a P3 for I want to say probably

13 another four for five years. I was in 77th for a14 grand total of I think it's two years I spent in

15 77th.

16 Q And what was the other division that you 17 were in while you were a P3?

18 A Foothill, I went up to Foothill Division.

19 And then while there is a -- I kind of lateraled

20 over, again trying to explain the department, the

21 way everything was set up. I had transferred from

22 77th to Foothill because during that time period I

23 had gotten married, and we had bought a house that

was way, way north in Los Angeles County. And the

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1 I'm sorry. Again I'm trying to think back to forty

2 years ago when this was done.

But, yeah, I think it was if you had lessthan four years on the job total, they required you

to take a test so that they knew that you had acertain amount of requisite knowledge.

7 And some of that came from again like I8 said the South Los Angeles areas handled a higher

9 call load, and so they were involved in things more10 often than some of, say, the Valley Divisions or

11 some of the slower divisions. There were things

12 that you would see in the South End that you would

13 not see in the Valley or in the West Los Angeles

14 area.

15 And so they wanted to make sure that the 16 people that were applying had the base knowledge to 17 teach the people that were coming up behind them.

So, if you had less than five years on,

they wanted you to take the test. But, if you hadmore, I think anywhere from seven -- five years or

21 over, the test was waived and you could apply, and

22 then it was based on the oral interview for

23 promotion.

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Q Okay. So, you didn't have to take the

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1 drive from the location that we bought to 77th was 2 around seventy plus miles one way.

And so I elected to transfer out to

Foothill Division which reduced that by thirty miles

5 each way, the drive. So, I went to Foothill. I was

6 there for about three months as a training officer,

7 and then moved -- I had applied for a vice spot.

8 And the vice -- which is where the vice investigator

on my resume comes in.

A vice spot, those -- they are also P3 spots, but they're not field training officers.

2 They're considered P3s but they're not training

13 officers because you're working a specialized unit,

14 a vice unit.

The caveat to that is when you become a
vice officer, you are actually risking giving up the
rank when you finish because the vice officer tour

18 is an eighteen month tour. So, when you leave vice,

19 if you cannot find another P3 spot, you would drop 20 back and have to start over again in applying for

21 those spots rather than like a lateral transfer into

22 a 3 spot.

23 So, it was kind of a -- you kind of take a 24 risk with where you are in your career. The

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- 1 football analogy was, you know, you're taking the
- 2 possibility of pulling points off the board at the
- 3 end of your vice tour.
- 4 Q Okay. So, when you were working as a vice
- 5 investigator, what would that have been, starting in
- 6 around January, 1982, through May, '93?
- 7 A Well, not '82, no. That would have been --
- 8 Q Oh, excuse me, '92, I misspoke.
- 9 A No. West Valley Vice, I was there from
- 10 '89 to somewhere in '90 because -- and a vice
- 11 investigator, I'll have to explain a little bit in
- 12 that, too. I didn't want my resume to be like six
- 13 pages long. I'm trying to do all these things.
- 14 A vice investigator, I had gone from -- I
- 15 elected to take points off the board. But we had
- 16 done a case with a -- we had done an in-call
- prostitution which is making a phone call to 17
- 18 somebody who is advertising either in the Yellow
- 19 Pages or in one of the underground newspapers for
- 20 out-call prostitution where someone would go to a
- 21 hotel and meet somebody.
- 22 We did a case and we ended up arresting a
- 23 madam who a unit within our department, a citywide
- 24 unit within our department called administrative vice

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- 1 vice, but again, that's like I said, you take points
- off the board. I had actually downgraded from a P3
- to a P2 because the longstanding tradition in
- administrative vice is when P3 spots opened, they
- would promote from within because you're already
- doing the job.
- 7 Unfortunately, it didn't work out like
- that in my case. So, I ended up taking points off
- the board for a lot longer than I -- than I
- 10 anticipated.
- 11 Q Okay. Understood. I don't think I asked
- 12 you this, but as a field training officer, what were
 - some of your responsibilities and duties?
- 14 A The exact same thing as a probationary
- 15 officer or as a P2. But now it's my responsibility
- 16 if I have a probationer working with me, what we
- colloquially refer to as a boot, if I was working with
- 18 a boot at any one particular time, say, we would roll
- up on a scene, if they're brand new out of the
- academy, you would generally take the lead and have
 - them watch you and back you so that you have an idea.
- 22 And then as you got them more and more
- 23 familiar with how things went in the field, you would
 - give them more and more responsibility until they, you

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- 1 had been looking at. And we were able to take her
- 2 down.
- 3 They came out to our division because they
- 4 had to do -- they helped us with a couple of things
- 5 with that. There's something that's called strip
- 6 approval which they have that a divisional vice
- 7 doesn't have. And there's a mythology involved in
- 8 certain areas of prostitution where an out-call will
- 9 understand that a police officer cannot get undressed.
- 10 And in most cases out here, that's true.
- 11 But administrative vice had, if you want to call it,
- 12 a special dispensation. They were approved for
- 13 that, they would just have to notify their captain
- 14 of that because a lot of times you couldn't get a
- 15 violation from a prostitute without getting undressed.
- 16 So, administrative vice came out, they
- 17 helped us with I think one or two more call-outs,
- 18 what we refer to as a money walk. And when we took
- 19 the madam down, I was recruited to go to
- 20 administrative vice.
- 21 And so after my tour at West Valley Vice
- 22 which is eighteen months, I went to administrative
- 23 vice and I was there until May of 1993.
- 24 And that's -- you went to administrative

- Page 53 know, were at least competent if not strong in the
- areas handling different radio calls.
- And at that point that's when they might
- move to a different training officer and you get
- somebody new. Sometimes you got problem
- probationers and other times you got what we refer
- to as diamonds where you got somebody that, you
- know, they were toward the end of their probation
- and working with a partner, you were kind of blessed
- to be able to do that. You didn't have to spend a
- lot of time training.

- 12 But again, you were on the other end of
- 13 that coin. You would be showing them how to handle
- burglar alarm calls and domestic violence calls, and
- 15 all those things all the way up until -- up to and
- including responding to like a homicide and setting
- 17 up the scene and then teaching them what their
- 18 responsibilities were prior to detectives arriving. 19 Q And did that role involve teaching them
- 20 how to conduct witness/suspect/victim interviews?
- 21 A Yes. You sit down and let them watch you
- 22 handle that and pick up what they could from it and 23 adapt it to their own personal abilities.
 - I used to tell probationers when they

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- 1 would first work with me that, you know, you already
- 2 have or you're going to work with a number of field
- 3 training officers and what works for them --
- 4 something that works for me may not work for you.
- 5 Say, you and I were partners in the car
- 6 and I would tell you, take what you like from me,
- 7 what you see -- what works for me that you can do
- 8 and use that. I said, but you may -- I would tell
- 9 you, you may go with a partner, your next partner may
- 10 handle something completely different from me in a
- 11 different manner and that works for -- and that way
- 12 works for your personality rather than my way and
- 13 use that.
- 14 Police work is adaptive. You take what
- 15 works best for you in the field and try and, you
- 16 know, mold the best practices that you can while
- 17 you're working probation. So, that's generally what
- 18 I would do.
- 19 Q As an FTO did you ever teach any courses
- 20 or classes to probationary officers?
- 21 A No, no. The only training you provide is
- basically in the field training, you know, on the
- 23 job training.
- 24 Q When you were working as a vice

- Page 56 1 that would meet up in Le Sex Shoppes and go out in the
- alleys, and because they were dark, they would, you
- know, break the streetlights in the alley and there
- would be different sex acts in their back yards.
- They would find used condoms, those kind of things.
- And so they would make complaints.
- 7 And we as the vice unit would go out and
- we would try and catch somebody doing it. Or if we
- worked under cover, have somebody solicit us to have
- 10 a public sex act and that sort of thing.
- 11 So, it's mostly misdemeanors but kind of
- 12 misdemeanor nuisance revolving around either alcohol
- or, like I said, prostitution or public sex.
- 14 Q So, working as a vice investigator, did
- 15 you ever deal with homicides?
- 16 A No, I cannot think of any of the times
- where we would respond. It was a patrol function to 17
- have us there. You know, it wasn't part of our job.
- 19 We would kind of stay away from that area unless
- 20 they were asking -- I mean if they had -- and I
- don't recall this happening, but say, if the victim
- was a prostitute, they might come in and talk to us
- in the unit and see, you know, what kind of
- 24 information we had, information cards, I cards, on

- 1 investigator in the West Valley Division, what types
- 2 of cases specifically would you be handling?
- A I was assigned to what would be a P.M.
- 4 Watch, and that was -- we would do street
- 5 prostitution. We would do ABC, alcohol beverage
- 6 control, which is over-serving, serving minors. We
- would, you know, check on places that -- for their
- service, make sure that they're cooperating with
- 9 those laws.
- 10 We would do -- let's see, what else would
- 11 we do. Lewd conduct, we had places where we had
- 12 complaints from citizens.
- 13 There were at the time -- I don't know if
- 14 they exist anymore with the advent of the internet,
- 15 there were stores that were called Le Sex Shoppes.
- 16 And they would have booths in the back that would have
- 17 videos, you could rent videos, buy videos. They would
- 18 have toys, that sort of thing.
- 19 But generally the one that we had in the
- 20 division that I was working backed up to a T alley.
- 21 So, there was one that went one direction and then
- 22 the alley met up in a T.
- 23 And unfortunately, for the people that
- lived off of those alleys, they would have people

- Page 57 1 different prostitutes that we had arrested and find
- out where they hung out and that sort of thing. But
- with regards to the investigation itself, no.
- 4 Q Had you ever worked under cover while
- working as a vice investigator?
- 6 A Not what we referred to as deep
- 7 undercover. We had fictitious IDs, and we would
- work under cover, say, you know, trying to pick up a
- prostitute and get a -- what was referred to as a B
- violation, 647(B) of the penal code was our
- prostitution section where they would solicit you.
- 12 You would try and get a -- there would be
- 13 usually like word play or word game, soliciting for
- prostitution and make the arrest for that sort of
- thing. But you would play whatever, you know,
- whatever little minor role. But, it wasn't anything
- that ever lasted more than whatever amount of time
- 18 it took to, you know, stop, pick up a prostitute,
- get the violation, signal your partner, and make the
- arrest. I mean if it took a half hour, you know,
- 21 that would be a long time "under cover" in one of
- 22 those situations.
- 23 Q Okay. So, I believe you said that you
- 24 worked in administrative vice through May of 1993,

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1 right?

- 2 A Yeah, through -- I guess my CV is a little
- 3 bit vague. I ended up having to -- again like I
- 4 said when I took points off the board, there was a
- 5 whole thing that happened administratively on our
- 6 department in I believe it was December or January
- 7 of '93, so December of '92 to January of '93, where
- 8 a number of positions had been loaned from different
- 9 divisions to different divisions.
- 10 And we had just gotten a new chief. I
- 11 think it was Willie Williams had come in. And he
- 12 wanted an idea of where all these positions were
- 13 supposed to be. So, what he did was he ordered all
- 14 those quote/unquote positions, the paper positions
- 15 returned to the original divisions, and then he
- 16 reduced the number of people within certain
- 17 specialized divisions.
- 18 Where that affected me was they returned
- 19 four P3 positions to Ad Vice, and there were four of
- 20 us that were P2's working there and we thought
- 21 that's great, we're going to be able to promote.
- 22 Unfortunately, at the time there was a freeze on
- 23 promotions.
- 24 So, they returned those positions to

- 1 Q In just a moment because I have a few
- 2 questions based on what you just said.
- 3 A Sure.

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- Q So, if I understand -- well, first, let me
- 5 clarify. When you say Ad Vice, you're referring to
- 6 Administrative Vice Unit, right?
- 7 A Yes.
 - Q Okay. So, I believe you said it was
- 9 between December of '92, and January of '93 I guess
- 10 we can call it, there was a shift in the department,
- 11 and so you ended up returning back to Foothill to
- 12 work as a P2 investigator, is that right?
 - A Correct.
- 14 Q Now, while you working as a P2 investigator,
- 15 were you working alongside detectives on the MAC
- 16 table?
- 17 A Yes, yeah. There was a D3 which is a
- 18 detective supervisor. If you were to look on a
- 19 military rank in a regular uniform, it would be --
- 20 what would -- it looks like basically a master
- 21 sergeant. It's three stripes with a rocker
- 22 underneath.
- 23 And then there are D2s that work the
- 24 table which are detective -- also detective

- 1 Ad Vice. They brought in four people to take those
- 2 four P3 positions. And then the next thing that
- 3 they did was they elected to -- when the chief came
- 4 down and said now we want you to reduce the
- 5 specialized units by ten percent, I believe it was,
- 6 and what our captain elected to do was eliminate all
- 7 the P2s which were guys that had been working there
- 8 like myself for about two years or so, right around
- 9 two years.
- 10 And so I was lucky enough -- one of my
- 11 former partners and one of my former supervisors was
- 12 in Foothill Division, and I was loaned out from --
- 13 not actually loaned out, I was transferred from
- 14 Ad Vice to Foothill Division, and I was carried above
- 15 what's referred to as TO, but I was allowed to work
- 16 detectives where I was working the MAC table, MAC,
- 17 Major Assault Crimes. It was basically domestic
- 18 violence. And I got six months of work there as a
- 19 P2 investigator.
- 20 I had taken the test to make detective,
- 21 and I was waiting to make detective at that point.
- 22 So, it just gave me some additional table time. And
- 23 I can explain table if you want to get to that
- 24 point.

- Page 61 supervisors, but they are a step below that. Their
- 2 rank insignia would be -- what would look like just
- 3 a basic sergeant. And then a basic detective --
- 4 again the corporal stripes, but each one of those
- 5 would have underneath the point of the chevron.
- 6 there's a diamond which would indicate that it's a
- 7 detective rank and not a patrol rank. I know it
- 8 gets confusing. Our department is interesting in
- 9 that way.
- 10 However, I was carried as a P2, so I was
- 11 working with D1s, D2s under the supervision of a
- 12 D3.
- 13 Q Okay. And you said you were working the
- 14 MAC table. We've heard you refer to the table a
- 15 number of times. So, can you explain what you mean
- 16 when you say table?
- 17 A Okay. Every -- well, I'll go departmentwide
- 18 and kind of narrow it down so you have an idea.
- 19 We have four bureaus on the department
- 20 which are -- I'm sorry, I printed out just so you
- 21 know what I'm looking at so I can reference. It's
- 22 the -- basically, it's the areas for Chicago.
- 23 Q Okay.
- 24 A Just so I can give you -- so you have a

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- 1 reference. Your areas would be the equivalent of
- 2 our bureaus. And then within each of our bureaus,
- 3 we would have divisions which is the equivalent of
- 4 your districts, okay?
- 5 So, every division, or district like what
- 6 you guys would have, every division has a patrol
- 7 function and a detective function. And within the
- 8 detective function we have what's referred to as
- 9 tables. And the easiest way to explain it is if you
- 10 ever watched an old episode of Dragnet from the
- 11 fifties and the sixties, when you would see them in
- 12 the station and actually sitting at those kind of
- 13 goofy looking wooden tables where there are four
- people, that's how the department started. That was
- 15 exactly what they looked like.
- So, all the guys that were working one 16
- particular crime would be sitting at one or two of 17
- 18 those tables, and it became referred to as working
- 19 that table. So, that's the basic explanation.
- 20 And then within each -- as I said within
- 21 the division, the detective unit within that
- 22 division, you would have an auto table which would
- 23 handle burglary from motor vehicles, theft of motor
- 24 vehicles, that sort of thing. You would have a

- Page 64 1 then be referred to the homicide table or would it
- remain in MAC because it's domestic violence?
- 3 A It would go to the homicide table. The
- crime that was the motivation for the murder, we
- investigated all those background crimes. So, if it
- was a robbery, a murder during the course of a

- 10 we've had sexual assaults that resulted in a murder,
- 11 and the homicide table would handle it.
- 12 Not to say we wouldn't talk to the robbery
- other detective to see if there was other crimes
- 16 stranger thing, or the MAC table to get a general
- 17 idea if there was other background that should be
- 18 brought into it that we would know, we would work
- with them to gather that information, but the
- investigative responsibility would be that of the
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 - that time frame from March of 1982, through May of

- 1 regular burglary table. You might have a CAPS table
- 2 which is Crimes Against Person separate from the MAC
- 3 table which handled domestic violence. But, the
- 4 Crimes Against Person would be anything from maybe
- 5 attempted murder down to battery.
- 6 You could have -- there's a robbery table.
- 7 There was -- I'm trying to run through it in my
- 8 head. Gangs would normally have their own detectives.
- 9 There was a juvenile table, a sexual assault table. I
- 10 think I mentioned the robbery table, and then the
- 11 homicide table.
- 12 Q And can you just remind me, when you say
- 13 MAC table, what does MAC stand for?
- 14 A They refer to it as Major Assault Crime.
- 15 I don't know why we went with that acronym to be
- 16 honest with you. But, I guess -- I can't even
- 17 guess. But they handled mostly domestic violence
- 18 whether it would be husband and wife, family
- 19 violence, dating relationships, anything along those
- 20 terms they would -- they handled that.
- 21 Q So, let's say, for example, the MAC table.
- 22 You know, they come across a domestic violence case,
- but that case resulted in a homicide. Let's say,
- for example, a husband shoots his wife. Would that

- robbery, the homicide table would handle it. If it
- was a murder during the course of domestic violence,
- the homicide table would handle it. If it was --

- 13 detectives or the sexual assault detectives or any
- that they had that were similar, if it was a

- - homicide table.
 - Q While you were working as a patrolman or a
- vice investigator or just a P2 investigator during
- - Page 65
- 1993, how many homicide cases would you say you worked on?
- 3 A During my vice time and working on loan to
- the MAC table in Foothill until '93, really none.
- 5 Q So, when you applied to be a detective,
- 6 and I believe you said that was while you were
- working as a P2 investigator in Foothill, that
- application process, were you seeking to be a part
- of a specific table, or was it just an application
- 10 to become a detective within the department?
- 11 A I'm sorry, one more time? I was just
- thinking of something else again. Like you said, I
- 13 have to make a correction.
- 14 Q Sure.
- 15 A I moved from vice investigator to Foothill.
- 16 That occurred in May of 1993. The time of Foothill on
- loan, that went from May of '93 to October of 1993. I
- 18 was on the list to make detective at that point.
- 19 I'm sorry, I don't have that in my resume.
- 20 So, all of a sudden I was looking at something when
- you were asking me the question, I zoned out. 22 But that Foothill time was between May of
- 1993 and October of 1993 is when I was on loan to
- the Foothill Division. I apologize for my mistake.

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1 Q No, I appreciate the clarification. Thank

2 you.

As of October of 1993, you said you were 4 on the list to be detective, is that correct?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Okay. So, when you initially applied to

7 be a detective, were you applying to be a detective

8 at a specific table that you just described, or was

9 it just to be a detective within the department

10 itself?

11 A No. To promote to the rank of detective,

12 whether you can promote from a P2 position, you can

13 promote from a P3 position, but that is a required

14 test. There's a written test that consists of

15 multiple choice and an essay that is given usually

16 once every two years that you schedule, you apply

17 for, you go down and take.

18 From that you either pass or fail that

19 test, and there's mechanisms in place. You can

20 question answers, you know, whether your answer was

21 actually right. But then once the final pass/fail

22 list on that is complete, then there is a series of

23 oral interviews that are given, again citywide.

24 And based upon the oral interview and the

Page 68 Q Okay, that makes sense now. Thank you for

2 that clarification of the process. Just a few

3 questions about that.

So, had you taken the detective test more

than once?

6 A Yes. I had taken it -- when I first went

7 to vice, I took the detective test. This was when I

8 was at West Valley. I took the detective test, I

passed the written.

Actually, if you can imagine it, I hadgrown hair long, I had a pony tail, the whole nine

12 yards, shaved it, you know, got a haircut for the

13 oral interview. I did not spend as much time

14 preparing for the oral interview as I should have

15 because as the list went down, if I'd have gotten

16 two points more, I would have promoted two years

17 earlier to detective.

18 But I was where that list died -- is the

19 expression -- where that list died, I was in the

20 Band just below that. So, I kind of screwed myself

21 in not studying enough.

22 So then I went back and I passed the test

23 the second time, I did I think much better on the

24 oral. I think I ended up in Bank 6 on the oral the

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1 written test, about every two years a list comes

2 out. And that list is ranked from the highest -- if

3 someone got 100, everyone who got 100 is in Band 1.

4 Everyone who got 99 is in Band 2. And if nobody got

5 98, it goes to 97.

6 But, the Bands go down to -- I think down

7 to the 20s, 20s or 30s, depending on how many

8 people took the test, how well they -- you know,

9 once they passed, how well they did on the oral

10 interview, and then they're ranked within that.

11 And then promotions are made off of the

12 list based upon what is called three hole score, and

13 then you promote off that list and become a detective.

14 And you promote -- the department assigns you to the

15 division that you go to. You do not have really a

16 choice.

17 And then the division itself, as detectives

18 come in, you're assigned to a table. You have no

19 choice.

20 From that point on, you can try and work

21 to a table. But in first being made a detective,

22 it's not your -- you have no choice in it. You're

23 just trying to make the rank, not really head to a

24 particular table at that point.

1 second time I had applied.

2 Q And you only applied those two times, is

that right?

4 A Yes. Once I made detective, that was -- I

5 was good.

6 Q Okay. And I believe you said that both

7 times you passed the written portion, is that

8 correct?

9 A Correct.

10 Q Do you recall what number you received? I

11 think you said it could be 100 to a 99? Is that

12 correct?

13 A Well, the first Band would be the people

14 who got 100. The second Band might be people who

15 got a score of 99. And then it goes down.

And I think for the one where the list died and I did not make detective, I think I was

18 in Band 15 and it died after Band 14, and I

9 don't remember what the number was. I'm not very

0 pleased with myself. As I said, it wasn't a very high

21 number. Or I was in Band 16 and it died after 15.

22 And there were -- once you get down into

23 those bands, once you start getting into like Bands

24 9, 10, 11, and 12, you're talking about thirty

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1 people within every Band, and you kind of understand

- 2 that there's not going to be that many promotions.
- 3 So, you gear up and start taking the test
- 4 the next time and hopefully do better in the -- in
- 5 the oral portion.
- 6 Q So, you don't recall what your score was
- 7 when you ended up in Band 15 or 16?
- 8 A No, it was not high. It was probably in
- 9 the -- I want to say somewhere in the mid to high
- 10 70's. It was not a real high score.
- 11 Q So, the second time when you ended up in
- 12 Band 6, do you recall what your score was?
- 13 A I think I had like a 92 or a 93.
- 14 Q Okay.
- 15 A I think that was within -- I think it
- 16 was between the first person -- there were
- 17 forty-four people when you ended Band 6. I was in
- 18 that first group of forty-four that would be made,
- 19 and I think our band may have been twelve people and
- 20 then they just select from the band as they go.
- 21 Q So, in October of '93, is that when you
- 22 became a detective in the Rampart area?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q Now, when you were in the Rampart area,

- 1 A I was in Rampart from I want to
- 2 say December -- well, I can say December of '93, and
- 3 I left in August of 1998.
- 4 Q And approximately how many homicides would
- 5 you say you investigated while you were working as a
- 6 detective for Rampart?
 - A In Rampart we were -- this was the mid to
- 8 late nineties. We had a huge influx. I would say
- 9 probably in the area of seventy plus, just in
- 10 Rampart. We were -- it was an extremely busy
- 11 division.

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- 12 Q And of those seventy plus homicides that
- 13 you took part investigating, how many of those were
- 14 you the lead detective?
- 15 A Again that's hard to say because some of
- 16 them -- like I said one of you may take more of an
- 17 interest, and there are cases where you're both as
- 18 involved, so it's kind of hard to say.
- 19 I mean technically both my partner and I
- 20 were lead IO's on all seventy. So, I mean it's --
- 21 you know, as to who would sit in that counsel table
- 22 if the case went to trial, that may just depend on
- 23 who had a better grip or who had done some key thing
- 24 that the DA wanted them sitting next to them at

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- 1 were you specifically a homicide detective?
- 2 A No. The first two months when I was in
- 3 Rampart, when I first promoted, I went in and I was
- 4 assigned to the auto table. And I worked the first
- 5 two months at the auto table, and just through dumb
- 6 luck there was an opening in the homicide table.
- 7 And they had asked for anyone who wanted
- 8 to apply. And I didn't think I had enough
- 9 experience, but of the four people who applied, I
- 10 had done in Foothill an attempt murder case and I
- 11 had that investigative book on my desk because I was
- 12 still considered the lead IO on that case.
- 13 And the homicide coordinator, detective
- 14 supervisor of the homicide unit was up asking the
- 15 other D3s, the ones in charge of the table of the
- 16 people who applied, what they thought of the people,
- 17 and my boss at that time had pointed and he said,
- 18 well, he's got this book there, take a look through.
- 19 And it was under -- I had set it up as a murder
- 19 And it was under -- I had set it up as a mi
- 20 book. And he looked through it.
- 21 So, of the four people that applied, he
- 22 gave me the shot at working homicide.
- 23 Q And how long did you work as a homicide
- 24 detective in the Rampart area?

counsel table.

- 2 So, it's very difficult. I mean
- 3 technically I'm the lead IO on all seventy of them.
 - Q And when you say a lead IO, can you
- 5 explain what a lead IO is?
- 6 A Investigating Officer, the lead IO, the
- 7 primary investigating officer, the lead detective,
- 8 however you want to say it.
- 9 Q For those seventy plus homicides that you
- 10 investigated, did any of those homicides have an
- 11 arson aspect to it?
- 12 A I'm trying to think because I kind of
- 13 figured something like this was going to come up.
- 14 And I'm trying to remember the ones that I had, and
- 15 I think we only had one that had an arson aspect to
- 16 it. It was a body that was found in the trunk of a
- 17 car, and the car had been set on fire.
- 18 Q In that homicide/arson case in which the
- 19 body was found in the trunk of a car and the car was
- 20 set on fire, were there any eyewitnesses involved in
- 21 that case?
- 22 A No. That was another one very much like
- 23 this particular case where somebody noticed that
- 24 there had been a car parked, there was a field on

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1 one side and homes on the other. And somebody had

- 2 noticed the flames in the middle of the night,
- 3 called the fire department, and the fire department
- 4 had put the fire out and when they popped the trunk,
- 5 they found the victim inside the car.
- 6 The arson was secondary I believe to the 7 murder. It wasn't the proximate cause of death. It
- was used kind of as a forensic masking.
- 9 Q And as part of that case, were you able to
- 10 identify any suspects?
- 11 A Yes, I think we did and made an arrest,
- 12 and I believe we had a conviction out of that.
- 13 Q Do you recall the name of the victim in
- 14 that case?
- 15 A No, I do not.
- 16 Q Do you recall the name of the suspect?
- 17 A No.
- 18 Q Can you approximate about what year you
- 19 were working that case?
- 20 A It may have been fairly early on, maybe -- I
- 21 don't know, maybe '95 or '96. Again, I didn't track
- 22 them like that.
- 23 Q Okay. And in that case where you said you
- 24 made an arrest and you believe you also obtained a

1 that.

- 2 When you were first assigned the case as a
- 3 detective in Rampart and you realized that there was
- some gang component to the homicide, would you then
- bring in a gang specialist or would you and your
- partner just continue to work the homicide?
- 7 MR. AINSWORTH: Object to the form of the 8 question.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Sorry, I talked over you,
 - Russell.

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11 MR. AINSWORTH: Object to the form of the

12 question. Thank you. 13

THE WITNESS: We would confer with gang detectives. We would go in, and they had their own office, their own table. We would talk with them about what -- once we identified the victim, if the victim had gang ties, we would find out what gang he was with, what gang his gang may have been warring with at the time.

We would go back and look at any prior information. We would get anything basically from the gang detectives that we could that would gather intelligence for us. And then we would also notify them if they could go out and

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- 1 conviction, did that suspect give a confession?
- 2 A No, as far as I recall, no.
- 3 Do you recall what evidence was used to
- 4 convict that suspect? Was it physical evidence?
- A If I recall it was ballistic evidence.
- 6 Q So, when you say ballistic, is it because
- 7 you or another detective found casings or shells or
- were you able to locate witnesses --
- 9 I believe there were -- I'm sorry, I
- 10 talked over you, I apologize for that.
- 11 I believe it was from projectiles that
- 12 were found in the victim during the autopsy.
- Q So, was DNA an aspect of this case? 13
- 14 A No, I don't believe so.
- 15 Q Of the seventy plus homicides that you
- 16 investigated as a detective for Rampart, how many of
- 17 those homicides, if any, involved some gang element?
- 18 A Most of them. Rampart, much like South
- 19 Los Angeles, most of the violent crime was gang
- 20 related, if not directly gang motivated. We had a
- lot of drive-bys. We had a lot of -- well, mostly
- 22 you know, drive-bys, gang retaliation, that sort of
- 23 thing.
- 24 Q When you were working, let's -- strike

1 talk with their informants, their snitches, and

> see if anyone had any clue or information as to whether this was a retaliation.

4 Sometimes they were in-house murders.

5 But if the word was that they would get from

6 their sources on the street, whatever leads we

7 could get in that way, and then they would

- 8 funnel it back to us.
- 9 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) Okay. Now, after August
- of 1998 you then moved over to the robbery/homicide
- division, is that correct?
- 12 Correct.
- 13 Q And what was your decision -- well, strike
- 14 that.

15 Why did you make the decision to move over

- 16 to the RHD I'm going to call it?
- 17 A Yeah, robbery/homicide division, RHD is --
- we had worked a lot of murders in the five years --
- the just short of five years that I was at Rampart
- Division. I kind of wanted a little bit of a break
- from the gang shootings, and while it wasn't -- I
- 22 had gone to the officer involved shooting team is
- 23 what I had gone to that was under robbery/homicide
- 24 at that time.

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- 1 It gave me a break from gang murder
- 2 investigations. Like I said, most of our cases were
- 3 that. But it also allowed me to -- for want of a
- 4 better term -- hone my skills as an investigator
- 5 because the OIS team -- because the civil component
- 6 is involved and because an officer is involved and all
- 7 the other issues that come up when an officer fires
- 8 a weapon, their investigations are much more detail
- 9 oriented. And it allows you -- you're not picking
- 10 up as many cases as you would be in a division where
- 11 you might get a case and then a week later, you
- 12 might get another case and you're trying to switch
- 13 your time.
- 14 If you work in OIS you are generally off
- 15 the clock for a certain amount of time. You can
- 16 work that case exclusively. It gives you a focused
- 17 investigation, a more so focused investigation and a
- 18 more detailed investigation. It kind of teaches you
- 19 how to organize things a little bit better than you
- 20 might in the divisional homicide unit.
- 21 Q Your answer kind of prompted another
- 22 question that I had actually about your time working
- 23 as a homicide detective in Rampart.
- 24 Typically, how many homicide cases would

- Page 80 1 would have two within twenty-four hours. And it was
- -- like I said generally maybe about twelve in a
- 3 year, ten to twelve in a year. And then that isn't
- counting the cases that you're still working on from
- the year before that are unsolved or that are
- proceeding through the courts where you're
- responsible for follow-ups that the DA may request
- or other things that you want to do before the case
- gets to court.
- 10 So, I mean it's -- you have the backlog 11 cases in addition to whatever fresh case you're
- 12 pulling.
- 13 Q Okay. So, there were times when you
- 14 working as a homicide detective that you would be
- working on more than one homicide case at a time, is
- 16 that fair?
- 17 A Yes, oh, yes.
- 18 Q Typically, and maybe it's not typical, so
- 19 correct me, but those seventy plus homicides that
- you worked on, was it exclusively worked on by
- 21 yourself and your partner, or did you often have to
- turn to other detectives to help you work on those
- 23 cases?

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1 you be working at one time?

- A In Rampart during that time period, we
- 3 were in an uptick in the mid nineties with drug
- 4 sales and gang violence. I would say on the average
- 5 my partner and I were pulling ten to twelve cases a
- 6 year, if not more.
- 7 And so I mean I can tell you weekends when
- 8 my partner and I had two murders in a weekend. We
- 9 had one we had been called to the scene. We were
- 10 just finishing up recovering -- and again at this
- 11 time, we didn't call SIU, which is Scientific
- 12 Investigation Division, kind of what the television
- 13 calls CSI now, we would recover the evidence
- 14 ourselves and we would book the evidence ourselves.
- 15 We had been called out to a murder, we
- 16 were recovering casings from the street, and while
- 17 we were there with our boss, we could hear shots in
- 18 the distance.
- 19 And within about five minutes the patrol
- 20 supervisor contacted my boss and said we have
- 21 another murder about seven blocks over. So, my boss
- 22 took my partner. They went over to start working
- 23 that case while I finished the scene on this case.
- 24 I mean we had them where, you know, we

question.

THE WITNESS: We might elicit help if need be. Like I said, if one partner goes on vacation, you might bring in another detective to give you a hand with something.

We generally would not farm out like to another team to handle follow-ups. Again, like I said, if at a scene we had something where there was a requirement for additional manpower, we might bring people in. But as the primary investigator that was our responsibility.

If another team ran across something that overlapped our investigation -- I remember when I was working Rampart, we had a guy who came in that wanted to give information on one of our murders. He had been jumped out of a gang -- I don't know if you're familiar with the term --

Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) Uh-huh, yes. But, you can explain it for the record.

A When someone wanted to leave a gang, if he was on, I guess, quote/unquote good terms, what they 22 would do to assure that he knows what would happen

- if he would rat anybody out or give information to
- the police on anybody, they would just basically

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1 beat him. They would take him somewhere and they

2 would physically attack him.

This guy, he felt that his jumping out was

over the top, and so he wanted to give information

on a couple of murders including one that I had been

6 investigating. And so rather than have a number of

7 guys continuously go in, I familiarized myself with

8 some of the other investigations, went in, and ${\sf I}$

9 conducted the interview with him until it got to the

10 case that I was handling, in which case at that time

11 the information that he was giving in that case, I

12 knew that he was trying to lay that off on somebody

13 else. And during the course of the interview, I was

14 able to get him enough information where he actually

15 put himself in the car, it was a drive-by shooting

16 and he put himself in the car where he was the

17 shooter and he confessed.

18 That's one of the -- I'd love to say I got 19 a lot of confessions in my time, but that's one of

20 the confessions that I got.

21 But, to go back to your original question,

22 that was something where my case overlapped with

23 somebody else's. And so we got that information.

24 But, it wasn't anything that I would have farmed out

1 having hands on.

2 Q So, I guess I should ask this, was that

3 just your practice of not typically referring or

4 farming out as you phrase it a task to other

5 detectives, or did you notice that to be

6 amongst the department?

7 A That's departmentwide. The homicide

8 detectives, when you were assigned a particular

9 investigation, it's yours and your partner's

10 investigation to handle.

11 And again, if you would need help with 12 some particular thing like at a scene or if there

3 was some overlap, you might ask them to do

14 something. But for the most part it was your

15 responsibility, especially if it resulted in a solid

16 lead or solid evidence, you would want to be able

17 and go back and establish that everything that you

18 were told was correct so that you could document

19 that.

20 It also worked better for court purposes,

21 rather than having to have a stream of detectives

22 all come into court to testify to different things.

23 If you do all that, you're the IO or your partner is

24 the IO, you can get up on the witness stand and you

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1 my portion of it to anybody and say, hey, you talk to

2 this guy and get the information and then bring it

3 back to me.

4 Q Okay. So, in those instances in which you

5 would elicit some type of help, what typically would

6 you be asking for?

7 A It would be few and far between. If

8 somebody had a suspect on their case who may have

9 been a witness on our case, as a way of establishing

10 a rapport I asked them, hey, can you ask them

11 something about this or if they know something about

12 another witness.

13 But, short of -- and this would be

14 something that would come up later at robbery/homicide

15 division -- short of running like a huge case

16 management or a clue management system where you

17 assign somebody a clue on a case, we

18 didn't do that. We didn't farm out portions of our

19 case to other teams.

20 Like I said, if there was an overlap, we

21 might ask them to ask about something and then we

22 would go out and interview them again later or redo.

23 But we generally wouldn't just have somebody

24 perform some investigative function without us

can testify to each step of the investigation.

2 Q So, those seventy plus homicides that you

3 had worked in Rampart, how many of those would you

4 say you worked with more than four detectives on a

5 homicide investigation?

6 A You said under the circumstances that we

7 just talked out where you farm somebody out. I

8 remember one case where we had multiple detectives

9 roll out on a scene. But I don't remember anywhere

10 I farmed out information or leads to somebody else to

11 follow up on it.

12 If there was a lead on the case, it was

13 mine and my partner's responsibility to handle it.

14 Q Did you have the same partner from December,

15 1993 through August of 1998?

16 A No, ma'am.

Q Okay. How many different partners did you

18 have?

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19 A I worked with -- let me go back and do

this in my head. I'll spell the names because I'm

21 going to end up doing this out loud for the court

22 reporter.

23 My first partner was Chuck Salazar,

24 S-a-l-a-z-a-r. I worked with a guy that has been my

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- 1 regular partner on and off for a number of years,
- 2 John Freitas, F-r-e-i-t-a-s. I worked with Gus
- 3 Villanueva, V-i-l-l-a-n-u-e-v-a.
- 4 I worked with Paul Hinton, H-i-n-t-o-n.
- 5 And then John and I became partners again, and we
- 6 actually transferred together from Rampart homicide
- 7 to the officer involved shooting team in August of
- 8 '93.
- 9 Q And while you were working in the Rampart
- 10 area as a homicide detective, how many detectives
- 11 worked for that area?
- 12 A It varied during the time period. I
- 13 remember in 1993 -- I'm sorry, 1995, we set a record
- 14 for Rampart Division. And in that year we had 148
- 15 murders just in that division.
- 16 So, I mean we had at one point during that
- 17 year, they beefed up our homicide unit. We had
- 18 seven teams, so we had fourteen detectives, plus a
- 19 supervisor.
- 20 And I will go back -- I want to kind of
- 21 have an asterisk or an addition. There were times
- 22 like I said when guys would go on vacation, and so
- 23 your partner is on vacation and you're working. You
- 24 would still be on the rotation to pick up cases.
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- 1 So, there were times when I would volunteer or
- 2 someone would volunteer and they would help me with
- 3 the scene, they would be my partner for like a crime
- 4 scene or whatever, and that would be my case.
- 5 When my partner came back from his
- 6 vacation, he would come up to speed and we would go
- 7 through all the paperwork and go back out to the
- 8 scene and do all those things. He would come up to
- 9 speed and then he and I would take the case forward
- 10 as partners.
- 11 So, when you say more than four people
- 12 before, I just wanted to kind of clarify, you might
- 13 bring in somebody to cover for your partner while he
- 14 was on vacation, but when that partner returned, you
- 15 both again became the primary detectives working
- 16 that case.
- 17 MS. ADEEYO: Okay. I'd like to go on a
- 18 little bit of a break if that's okay with
- 19 everyone. Can we return at 12:05? We can go
- 20 off the record.
- 21 (At this time, a short break was
- 22 taken off the record.)
- 23 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) We can go back on the
- 24 record.

- Mr. Bub, so before we took about a twenty
- 2 minute or so break we were discussing some of your
- 3 background and the positions that you held while you
- 4 were with the Los Angeles Police Department.
 - I believe we left off discussing some of
- 6 your partners that you had while you were working as
- 7 a homicide detective with the Rampart area.
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q I'm now going to move forward to when you
- 10 were working for RHD and those officer involved
- 11 shootings because I know we kind of touched on it
- 12 and then we went back.
 - So, specifically with regard to you
- 14 working as a detective in RHD, did you still deal
- 15 with homicides?
- 16 A Well, yes. The officer involved shootings
- 7 may involve any underlying crime. It could be a
- 18 homicide that patrol rolls up on, that detectives
- 19 roll up on, or any other officer in the department
- 20 when they discharged their firearm.
- 21 So, I mean technically under the law,
- 22 homicide versus murder I guess is the distinction.
- 23 Most of the OISs were hits where the officer had
- 24 killed a suspect. And so we were dealing with,
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- 1 again, the same functions but with an eye also
- 2 toward civil liability, and the different kind of
- 3 focus that you can get between civil and criminal.
- 4 And so, like I said, the investigations
- 5 there were sometimes a little bit more labor
- 6 intensive than a regular homicide unit, but still
- 7 the same functions within homicide were within the
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- 8 investigation of an OIS.
- 9 Q And how many officer involved shootings
- 10 had you investigated while you were working with
- 11 RHD?
- 12 A I want to say the two plus years that I
- 13 was there, I would say probably twenty-five to
- 14 thirty, somewhere in that neighborhood.
- 15 Q For those twenty-five to thirty shootings,
- 16 did any of those cases involve an officer being
- 17 arrested?
- 18 A Not the cases that I handled. There was
- 19 one while I was there where that resulted, but it
- 20 was not a case that I had handled.
- 21 Q When I continue to look at your CV here
- 22 next to detective in the robbery-homicide division
 - 3 it says homicide special and officer involved
- 4 shooting sections. Can you just explain to me what

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1 you mean by homicide special?

Yeah. When I went to robbery-homicide,

- 3 the division itself was broken into -- there was a
- 4 robbery special section, there were two homicide
- 5 special sections, there was a sexual assault
- 6 section -- special section, I guess. And the officer
- 7 involved shooting team were all under robbery-homicide
- 8 division.

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- 9 So, after about two and a half years when
- 10 I was working the OIS team, I lateraled from the
- 11 officer involved shooting team over to what was
- 12 shortened to -- we referred to it as homicide 2,
- 13 which is homicide special section 2, and was
- 14 working regular homicide cases again.
- 15 Q And when did you make that lateral move?
- 16 A That would have been -- let's see, I went
- 17 in '98, 2000 -- early 2001, I believe.
- 18 Q How many homicides had you investigated
- 19
- while working for the homicide special section 2?

A Homicide special section 2, the benefit I

- 21 guess of working robbery-homicide is the division
- 22 itself is set up for major homicides like the O. J.
- 23 Simpson case, the Robert Blake case when Bill
- 24 Cosby's son was murdered. A case that is very
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- 1 high -- high profile where the public and the media
- 2 want a lot of resources tossed in a case. Serial
- 3 killer cases, cases where an officer is the victim
- 4 of a crime.
- 5 So, the benefit of working robbery-homicide
- 6 is you are not on call for the same number of
- 7 homicides you would be working in a divisional
- 8 homicide unit or bureau unit which our department also
- 9 had, but you are able to with your partner, and
- sometimes at this point you would have teams of maybe
- 11 four guys working a case. This is where that kind of
- 12 a thing would -- would come into play.
- 13 But you had fewer cases. I probably in
- 14 that time period before I promoted and transferred
- 15 out and came back, probably only about -- maybe
- 16 about ten in that time period and I think that was
- 17 maybe seven years before I promoted and went to
- 18 Rampart before going back again.
- 19 Q Is it fair to say that the cases that you
- worked on in this specific division, they were high
- 21 profile cases?
- 22 A Some of them were -- I'm sorry.
- 23 MR. AINSWORTH: I'll object to the form of
- 24 the question.

Page 92 THE WITNESS: Not all of them. Some of 1

- 2 them were. Some of the cases involved -- for
- 3 an example, there was a gentleman -- we picked
 - up a case from Hollywood Division where the
 - victim was an Armenian, and he had ties to
- 6 Armenian organized crime and Armenian gangs.
 - And it turned out that it was -- his murder was
- 8 a retaliation for an arson that had occurred
- 9 months before I got to -- or years before I got 10 to the unit.

And so there was a lot of intricacies that a divisional homicide unit wouldn't have the time -- as we talked about before, when you're picking up cases as you go along -- wouldn't have the time to work on.

Some of those cases also came down to robbery-homicide division. So, at that point we had those -- it wasn't necessarily all high profile, but cases that would require more time than a divisional unit might be able to dedicate to a murder case.

- 22 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) And you said that
- specifically in homicide special there would typically
 - be four detectives working a case at one time?

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- A No, I'm sorry. If you took it that way,
- 2 then I misspoke.
- 3 You also worked in teams of two, but
- usually if you were to roll out to a scene if it
- 5 wasn't something -- two ways the cases may have come
- 6 in.
- 7 If it was something that they knew
- immediately was going to be labor intensive,
- robbery-homicide might roll the entire homicide
- special unit out there. So, you might end up with
- twelve detectives rolling out to a scene.

12 If it was a case that had been worked

originally by a division where it was going to be

more time intensive than they could handle, it would

come in to the division and it would just be you and

16 your partner. And sometimes that may develop.

17 In those cases you may have something like

18 a case manager. The Robert Blake case, I was what they referred to as a clue manager. And as clues

came in on those kind of cases, it would be my

- responsibility to create a case package, assign
- 22 other detectives to handle those clues, send them
- out, and when they came back in, then I would review
- 24 it and if further investigation was required, I

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1 could hand it back to them and say, hey, I need you

2 to do this.

3 So again, you might have -- in those

4 situations you might have more than one team of

detectives working. But again, the primary

6 investigators was a team of two.

7 Q Okay. No, I appreciate that clarification.

8 You said you were working in RHD for two and a half

9 years?

10 A OIS Section for about two and a half

11 years, and then when I went to -- when I lateraled

12 over to Homicide Special 2, I was there I think for

13 just short of seven years.

14 Q So, I believe you said that you worked ten

15 cases while you were working in homicide special

16 approximately, right?

17 A Ten murder cases, yeah. We would do --

18 another function of Homicide Special 1 and 2 in

19 officer involved shooting cases during the time

20 period that I was there, the underlying crime that

21 the person who had been shot by the officer, that

22 may be allocated -- taken from the division to

23 robbery-homicide.

24 So, we would also be working -- I don't

1 it was that was involved in that. And a lot of

2 intricacies and confusion in there but, you know, we

3 handled -- and especially at the discretion of the

4 chief of police or chief of detectives, if there was

5 a case that attracted their attention and they

6 wanted somebody to work it, we got other cases with

regards to that.

8 We also picked up during that time period,

9 it was determined because they eliminated a

10 division -- not commercial crimes, I cannot remember

11 what the division was that they eliminated -- and

12 they made homicides where arson was the proximate

cause of death, those cases would come down to RHD.

14 If it was a homicide where arson was used

15 as like a forensic counter agent to mask the crime,

6 those -- because it was the murder and the arson was

17 secondary, those would remain at the division.

Now, I did not handle any of those while I

19 was there, but I did roll out on, as I can recall, at

20 least two where -- again much like this case where

21 someone was in -- well, they were left in an alley

22 in the trunk of a car and the car was set on fire.

23 And that case -- both of those cases it

24 turned out that -- like the first one that I handled

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1 want to say smaller cases, but different cases. It

2 may have been during the course of a robbery or

3 during the course of any other crime. And whereas

4 we wouldn't normally handle that case, because it was

5 involved with an officer involved shooting they

6 would take homicide special and have them handle --

7 take that from the division and handle that case.

8 So, about ten murders but there were other cases in

9 between where we would be doing other criminal

10 charges.

11 Q Can you approximate how many of those

12 other in between cases that you had worked in those

13 seven years?

14 A That's difficult because once that happened,

15 once I had swung over from OIS to homicide special

16 that could be, you know, another twenty or thirty

17 cases because we also handled -- I recall handling

18 one. It's technically an officer involved shooting,

19 but it was an off duty officer from a different agency

20 who had been burglarized and someone had broken into

21 their home and they shot that person.

So, we handled it as like an ADW but also

23 in terms of the OIS portion of it as a degree-- sort

4 of as a courtesy to the outside agency whose officer

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1 in Rampart -- that gunshot was the proximate cause of

2 death and arson was a forensic counter measure.

Q I know for that one example that you just

4 gave about the arson and the murder where the person

5 was in the car, you said that you rolled out on that

6 case but it wasn't your case. Do you mean you just

7 assisted in the initial part of the investigation?

8 A Yes. If a division -- and I think one of

9 them was actually in Foothill Division and one of

10 them was in Southwest Division if I remember

11 correctly where the same thing happened, there

12 would be a car on fire in an alley or in a rear

13 parking lot, the fire department came out, they

14 extinguished the fire, they popped the trunk and

15 there was a body in the trunk.

The homicide unit from the division would roll out, but they would also roll somebody from RHD

3 out until the coroner investigator could come out

9 and make at least a determination -- a preliminary

20 determination as to a cause of death.

21 We would kind of tail and work with the

22 division up until the point when an autopsy took

3 place where the doctor would tell us, yeah, it was a4 gunshot wound and the arson was a counter measure.

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- 1 And then we would -- any notes or anything
- 2 that we had we would give to the divisional
- 3 detectives, and we would back off and that would be
- 4 their investigation.
- 5 Q When you say -- when you're talking about
- 6 these cases in which you say an arson was a counter
- 7 measure, does that mean that arson or, you know,
- 8 whoever the suspect was set the victim on fire in an
- 9 effort to conceal or hide evidence?
- 10 A Yes, yeah, basically. Something, you
- 11 know, fingerprints, whether it's their own DNA or
- 12 whatever they -- and in some of these I can't tell
- 13 you what their thinking process was, but our take on
- 14 it was there was no real reason to set them on fire
- 15 unless they wanted to delay an investigation by
- 16 delaying identification of the victim, eliminating
- 17 DNA for whatever reason.
- 18 Sometimes you would find out, other times
- 19 you wouldn't. But, basically the delineation of
- 20 who was assigned the case came down to the proximate
- 21 cause of death.
- 22 Q Okay. I'm going to have us return back to
- 23 Exhibit 1, your CV, because I'm going to kind of
- 24 take us through the rest of it here.

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- 1 twenty years and I wanted to make sure my pension
- was what I could make it. I was looking at promoting.
- 3 And within RHD they had five spots open
- and twenty some applicants. And I did not get one
- of those spots, but at my old division in Rampart,
- they had a D3 spot open that I had put in for, and I
 - actually -- I ended up getting that spot.
- 8 So, I left RHD for the promotion to
- detective supervisor which is basically somebody who
- runs the table. You're not doing as many hands-on
- investigations, but you are directing -- teaching
- brand new detectives, you are guiding existing
- detectives, reviewing cases and that sort of thing.
- 14 So, I left -- what did I say -- somewhere
- 15 in November of 2005, I think, and I had gotten the
- spot at Rampart Division as a supervisor, detective
- 17 supervisor, the D3.
- 18 Q So, taking a look at your CV under that
- 19 Rampart Detective Division, Supervisor Section, the
- 20 first bullet point states, "Oversaw the Sexual
- Assault and Major Assault Crimes (including Domestic
- 22 Violence) Tables." During that time you were
- 23 responsible for two different tables?
 - A Yes. Some of the divisions due to

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- 1 Α Sure.
- 2 Q Mr. Bub, can you see your CV on the
- 3 screen?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q All right. So, we talked a bit about your
- 6 work as a detective in the robbery-homicide
- 7 division. When did your assignment there conclude,
- 8 what year?
- 9 A Well, you see right above that Rampart
- 10 Detective Division, I was -- what did I say, it was
- 11 less than seven years, so I think it was around
- 12 2006, somewhere around 2006 that -- or 2005, 2005.
- 13 Again I wanted to -- I was a Detective 2 at that
- 14 point, I promoted to Detective 2 at Rampart Division
- 15 when I was working from '93 to '98. I had promoted.
- 16 And it's from a basic detective which I
- 17 said was the corporal stripes to what would be
- sergeant stripes with just the diamond underneath
- 19 indicating it was a supervisor.
- 20 I took that rank with me to the OIS team
- 21 and to Homicide Special Section at RHD. But I had
- 22 been at that point a D2 for about ten years. And
- 23 the mercenary part of me, I'm looking toward
- 24 retirement. I had somewhere, you know, coming up on

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- manpower shortages and that, D3s would run two
- different tables, depending on the number of
- personnel on those tables.
- 4 In addition. I don't list it here but
- because of my background, Rampart detectives had --
- their homicide tables were run by a guy that I used
- to work with named Fred Faustino, F-a-u-s-t-i-n-o,
- and he would go on vacation and because of my
- 9 experience they would loan me over for a month or
- 10 SO.

- 11 So, I still had my hand in homicides, I
- would cover for Fred while he was on vacation. And
- sometimes if he was on a day off, we had cases
- during the week during daylight hours where the
- 15 lieutenant would come out and ask me to roll out to
- 16 the scene and act as the homicide supervisor.
 - Anyway, yes, but for this -- for the
- 17 18 bullet point, I ran the Sexual Assault Table and the
- Major Assault Crime Table during that time period.
- I think I had four people working for me on the
- 21 Sexual Assault Table and five on the MAC Table.
- 22 Q You anticipated my next question, so I'll 23 keep moving.
 - You mentioned that every now and again

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- 1 while you were working as a supervisor you would be
- 2 loaned, or I guess you phrased it as it would be
- 3 loaned over to you for a month or so, the Homicide
- 4 Table, is that fair to say?
- 5 A Yeah. I would cover for Fred while he was
- 6 there for call-outs and that so that they had an
- 7 acting supervisor. One of the other D2s on the
- 8 table might do the administration portion of it
- 9 rather than have me run -- try and run
- 10 administration -- administrative portions on three
- 11 tables. But for purposes of having somebody in the
- 12 field, you know, standing back and making sure that
- 13 everything is done the way it's supposed to be done,
- 14 I would cover for Fred and it freed up one of the
- 15 D2s from having to take over that responsibility,
- 16 especially if they were the ones that were on call
- 17 during that time period.
- 18 Q And how often while you were working as a
- 19 supervisor at Rampart would you say that you would
- 20 have to cover the Homicide Table?
 - A I think -- well, I mean when Fred was on a
- 22 day off, we were working a 4/10 at the time. So,
- 23 detectives would work four days a week, ten hours a
- 24 day.

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- A Much of the same way that you would set up
- 2 training patrol is -- although on some of the tables
- 3 other than the Homicide Table you wouldn't necessarily
- 4 have the manpower to assign teams.
- 5 But, what you might do is -- well, let me
- 6 take a step back. The Sexual Assault Table, the
- 7 Robbery Table, and the Homicide Table are usually
- 8 more experienced detectives, okay? They've worked
- 9 other tables where they've handled cases. It might
- 10 be the MAC Table, it might be the CAPS Table,
- 11 Burglary, Autos, any of those other tables that I
- 12 handled. We wouldn't generally put a brand new
- 3 detective on the Sex Table or like the Robbery Table
- 4 or the Homicide Table.
- 15 So, when I say trained newly promoted
- 16 detectives, that mostly has to do with the MAC
- 17 Table. We have had people that, you know, did
- 18 exceptionally well and expressed an interest in
- 19 coming over and working the Sex Table, and you would
- 20 bring them over and have them work cases and see if
- 21 they worked out for the long haul with regard to
- 22 that.
- 23 But, it wasn't -- the Sexual Assault Table
- 24 was not necessarily or wasn't a thing where we

- Our normal shift was Monday through
- 2 Friday, so you had one weekday. So, I mean one day
- 3 a week. If Fred wasn't there, I would be picking up
- 4 -- I couldn't tell you how many times Fred had --
- 5 the way vacations are set up, Fred would have two
- 6 vacations during the year, a long and a short.
- 7 So, those two times for a longer period of
- 8 time, anywhere from -- the short vacation is about
- 9 two weeks. A long vacation can be as long as four
- 10 weeks. I would cover during that time period.
- 11 And then like I said various days if Fred
- 12 took a day off or a vacation day or a special, you
- 13 know, accumulated overtime day, I would cover for
- 14 him.
- 15 So, I didn't track when it was. It would
- 16 just be, like I said, a lieutenant might come out
- 17 and say, hey, Bub, Freddy's not here today, if
- 18 anything happens, can you jump into the field? And
- 19 I'm like, yeah, no worries.
- 20 Q Okay. So, for the Sexual Assault Table
- 21 that you worked, and I'm also kind of moving to the
- 22 next bullet point which said, "Trained newly
- 23 promoted detectives," so for that table, how would
- 24 you go about training new detectives?

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- 1 brought in a brand new detective who had never
- 2 worked an investigation before and threw them into
- 3 the ocean like that.
- 4 Q Okay. That makes sense now. So, when it
- came to training new detectives for the MAC Table,
- 6 what would that training typically entail?
- 7 A Every morning as the supervisor you would
- get the stack of reports that came in from end of
- 9 watch yesterday all through the night. You would
- 10 review them. If you knew that somebody else had a
- 11 related case on the MAC Table, if there's a prior
- 12 domestic violence, you would try and match that up
- 13 with a detective who had that case before to build
- 14 cases.
- What I would try and do with a newly
- 16 promoted detective was give them what you -- I guess
- 17 you could refer to it as a softball case, something
- 8 where there wasn't going to be a lot of
- 19 investigation involved. Something -- you may have a
- 20 body in custody where the patrol officers did a good
- 21 job of interviewing witnesses. They may have gotten
- 22 any video that was out. They had done a really good
- 23 preliminary investigation where there wasn't a lot
- 24 that was going to have to be done, maybe a

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1 re-interview of a suspect or a victim for a little

2 bit more information.

15 follow-ups.

3 You give them softballs and then they 4 bring the reports back. I would review the reports 5 and if there were other items that I think they may 6 have missed, direct them to that. And then you 7 would also assign them. With some of their cases 8 they make take one of the more senior detectives 9 working the MAC Table out with them to make sure 10 that, you know -- some guys would say, hey, can I 11 take somebody with me, can I have a partner go out, 12 and they grabbed somebody off the table because we 13 didn't have enough bodies to work in teams of two,

16 And each detective usually would have 17 their own follow-ups, and so they would go out for 18 half a day and bounce from case to case. But the 19 newer detectives would then have somebody there to 20 train or mentor them while they did the cases.

14 and they would take somebody out with them to do

21 And again, it didn't take that long, maybe 22 a month or two, before they fell into a rhythm and 23 they understood what needed to be done and then they 24 really truly weren't new detectives anymore.

Page 108 1 to seek an arrest warrant when you're taking it to our district attorney, the equivalent of the state's

attorney, to file for a warrant, they may ask that question, and then once it gets past the filing DA

to another DA, they don't have the detective to talk 6 to.

7 Just to make sure that those things are in the report so that the next person down the line reading the report knows it's been addressed and 10 knows that what has been -- what is pending so that they know they're going to be getting other results, that the investigation is either ongoing or they know the results of the investigation if it -- if it 14 takes that direction. 15

Q Would you typically sign off on those 16 reports?

A If everything was -- was as it should be, 18 then yes, you sign the reports and you hand it through and they can either -- if they're closing out a case for whatever reason, it just gets sent through records and closed out.

Or if it has other -- if it's just a follow-up pending other investigation, you would sign it because there are reporting deadlines on our

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Q Okay. Your next bullet point on your CV 2 says, "Reviewed and assessed all investigations for sexual assault and domestic violence and assault crimes." 4

5 Can you just explain to me what you mean 6 by reviewed and assessed?

7 A Exactly what it sounds like. Every time 8 as the supervisor before those could be sent through 9 the system, I'm the last person to read them. They 10 hand me the reports, I read through them. I make 11 sure that everything that needs to be done has been

12 done. I may have a question on whether, say, in a

13 sexual assault if some scientific requesting has

14 been -- or scientific testing has been requested.

15 Something like, you know, make sure -- is this rape

16 kit in line. You know, if not, why not, you know,

17 what was done, and have a detective say, yes, I

18 checked this morning and it's back, or we're still

19 waiting for the results on that and I'll do another

20 follow-up when that comes back.

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And I tell them, well, just put a line at 22 the end of the report, you know, this test is 23 pending because when you go down and you hand that

24 to -- say, an arrest is being made or you're going

Page 109 department. If you have -- there's Category 1 and 2 Category 2.

3 A Category 1 case would be something with definite follow-up. Even something like a partial 5 license plate, a nickname, or something where there's definite follow-up that could be done, there's 6 7 a report that would be required within ten days.

If it's a Category 2 which came up mostly in, say, burglary cases, theft of motor vehicles, or some cases where there's no physical evidence or witness evidence or anything to follow up on, those would be considered Category 2. There would be a required follow-up report, but you had thirty days on those reports.

15 Just in case anything new came up or like I said if, say, for the burglary table or some other 16 table -- well, even assault crimes, if it came up it 18 was a stranger assault, you would have -- if something came up in the same area with the same suspect description, you would try and marry that case up with the same detective and a prior case, 22 and that may result in an actionable lead.

So, I think your original question -yeah, I would review all of them either to be put

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- 1 away for further investigation if something else
- 2 came up, or just put away and it may never -- like I
- 3 said, on the Category 2s where there is no viable
- 4 follow-up, it unfortunately may never be looked at
- 5 again.
- 6 Q Are you aware if the Chicago Police
- 7 Department had any type of reporting deadline for
- detectives when it came to submitting reports in
- 9 2003?
- A You know, I cannot think. I don't know if 10 11 they do or if they don't.
- 12 Q To become a supervisor of detectives did
- 13 you have to undergo specific training?
- 14 A It's -- the promotion is much the same as
- 15 the oral portion for becoming a P3 and the oral
- 16 portion after taking the detective test. There is
- 17 no written test to promote within the rank, but
- 18 there are oral interviews that you take.
- 19 And then once you become a supervisor,
- 20 there is a supervisor school that they send you to
- 21 which -- in some forms it varies slightly between a
- 22 patrol supervisor and a detective supervisor because
- 23 the functions -- the reality is they serve slightly
- 24 different functions.

Page 112 you do remain at the scene until the scene is cleared and the detectives okay everything to be torn down.

But you'll see how they operate and as you get further and further in your career, you know the detectives and the detectives know you, and so there's a lot of basic experience and expertise that's transferred even at that function or at that stage.

Once you start working homicide and you're brought in, again you're put with a mentor detective. The first partner that I worked with, Chuck Salazar, he'd been working homicide for ten years when I was brought into the unit. And Chuck, he was my partner for the first year. And as I want to tell detectives or I was -- when I would get a new detective working homicide, my feeling was always you're not experienced -- guys who work homicide for a year and then move out, we used to refer to them as ticket punchers. They're just guys who want to be able to say they worked homicide.

To be a homicide detective you should have worked a number of cases over at least

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1 A patrol supervisor is going to be doing 2 more along the lines of what they would be doing in

- tactical situations in the field, you know, leading
- and all those things. But it has that orientation
- 5 to it.

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6 Whereas, a detective supervisor is going

- 7 to be more -- in this line, it's more of an
- administrative leadership function, but some of the
- 9 responsibilities overlap.
- 10 Q While you were working as a homicide
- 11 detective specifically with the LAPD, were you aware
 - of a policy that specified how a homicide

question. You can answer.

- 13 investigation should be run or how it should occur?
- 14 MR. AINSWORTH: Object to the form of the 15
- 16 THE WITNESS: There are basic procedures.
- 17 I mean there's a homicide school that you're
- 18 sent to. It's a two-week school. You learn a
- 19 lot of the different forms, but they will walk
- 21 of it is you already have a basis for because

you through some of the procedures, but a lot

- 22 having worked patrol and setting up crime
- 23 scenes and watching and talking to detectives
- 24 while they're doing their investigation because

Page 113 three, sometimes five years so that you take a

- 2 case from crime scene through hopefully 3
 - conviction. And you learn from the mistakes
- 4 you make because no greater teacher than 5 sitting on a witness stand in front of a jury
- 6 and basically having your butt handed to you 7
 - because you neglected to do something correctly in an investigation, something that you should have done.
 - And that's generally what your partner, your mentor detective, your training detective is there for. You will walk behind him at scenes. You'll handle certain things, but you'll see how they do things based on again some of the training that you get in the formal

But a lot of it is experience that you gain either from working other cases where you know what things need to be done, or you're working with your partner in a homicide scene and he may direct you. You can ask him what going to handle this, and they will teach you that way and then you pick up things.

22 are we going to do with this or how are we 23

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- Much like in patrol, you pick up things
- 2 working with different partners how they do
- 3 certain things, how they work best for you
- 4 within, you know, whatever polices or
- 5 procedures that your department has or that are
- 6 acceptable, and you just go along and you learn
- 7 as you go. But it's an ongoing process. I mean
- 8 I was learning different things all the way
- 9 until I retired.
- 10 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) Is it fair to say then
- 11 that you predominantly learned how to conduct a
- 12 proper homicide investigation through experience
- 13 being on the force?
- 14 A Through experience. I mean there is some
- 15 again teaching where they can go over things.
- There are always recommended reference
- 17 books, I think. One of them that I often quote in
- 18 my reports is Goebbert's Practical Homicide
- 19 Investigation. He wrote a book back -- I think the
- 20 first edition came out somewhere in the eighties.
- 21 He was a New York Police Commander of Homicide. And
- 22 it's generally thought of as the Bible for homicide
- 23 investigations. It's called Practical Homicide
- 24 Investigations.

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1 referenced in other reports having to do with deaths

- 2 involving -- and remind me, there's an asterisk here
- 3 -- but deaths involving all different aspects of
- 4 what you're looking for with regards to time of
- 5 death, whether it's livor mortis, rigor mortis, any
- 6 of the things that can kind of help you make
- 7 determinations and help you figure out what happened
- 8 at a crime scene.
- 9 And the asterisk, what I just wanted to
- 10 bring up is, in addition to just homicides,
- 11 divisional homicide units like when I was working
- 12 Rampart and -- well, mostly divisional homicide
- 3 units also receive all death investigation reports,
- 14 whether they be suicides, accidental deaths outside
- 15 of cars, overdoses, we receive and do follow-ups on
- 16 all of those.
- 17 Sometimes it requires going out to the
- 18 scene, you know, patrol. When I told you about that
- 19 death investigation presentation that I made to the
- 20 undergrad team, the reason I made that is so that
- 21 patrol officers would have a better idea of what I'm
- 22 looking for.

things that come in.

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not a suspicious death.

- 23 But, we would handle -- as homicide
- 24 detectives we get those reports for the suicides,

Sometimes if there's suspicious

in my career where you take a look and the

think. But you would have to handle that, you

for again the accidental deaths for overdoses, those

circumstances, I've rolled out on a number of cases

circumstances are not as suspicious as one would

would have photographs taken of the scene, process

the scene, maybe attend the autopsy for a case and

then have a discussion with the coroner to make a

a suicide, the question that somebody had in the

Their determination is all the circumstances that

you're describing to them point to a suicide, it's

So, sorry, I just throw that in as an

22 to shadow other supervisors as part of your

Q Okay. As a supervisor, did you ever have

A Do you mean once you become running a

field, really you don't have to worry about it.

I've had questionable deaths and have a coroner unequivocally say it's an accident or it was

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- Detectives would and should reference that
- 2 all the time with regards to things that they can
- 3 and can't do, things that they should be doing.
- 4 But, a lot of that, like I say, you'll get from
- 5 training officers, you'll get from experience. And
- 6 then, of course, as you're doing this again working
- 7 with DAs and going through court, you also learn
- 8 different things that you shouldn't do or can't do,
- 9 and things that will work better for you in later
- 10 cases in court so that you're not caught sitting on
- 11 your hands.
- 12 Q Was Goebbert's Practical Homicide
- 13 Investigation book, was that required reading for
- 14 you as a homicide detective?
- 15 A Not required, it's recommended. You know,
- 16 most -- I think Chuck recommended it to me, so did
- 17 my first boss, Vito Cicoria -- and I'll spell this
- 18 one for you -- C-i-c-o-r-i-a. One of the first
- 19 things he did, he had it on his desk, and he would
- 20 tell us coming in, you know, take a page through, if
- 21 you're looking through something, it's fairly easy
- 22 to understand.
- 23 And it gives you an idea of -- especially

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- 24 things that I reference here and that I've

asterisk.

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1 table?

2 Q Correct.

3 A No. Running a table, that's just

4 something that again the supervisor school, they

- 5 give you certain classes in the administrative
- 6 portion as to what you're doing. But, a lot of that
- 7 is you're just walking in cold and having to look at
- 8 the guy who preceded you, how they handled their
- 9 administrative portion, and then either kind of
- 10 continue that on or you might make a tweak to the
- 11 system so it works better for how you look at
- 12 things.
- 13 And then again your lieutenant as you go
- 14 through meetings to update, we had COMPSTAT in
- 15 different meetings, crime control meetings where you
- 16 would meet with all the supervisors, your captain,
- 17 and they would ask you questions about crime trends
- 18 and all those things, and it's kind of a learn as
- 19 you go kind of thing.
- 20 Q When you joined Rampart area as a
- 21 supervisor, did you make any specific tweaks?
- 22 A I'm sorry, specific --
- 23 Q Tweaks, just to use your word, yes.
- 24 A No. I don't recall doing any of the --

- Page 120 Q And when you say take over the unit, does
- that mean you were in charge of supervising other
- detectives working cold cases?
- 4 A Yes. When I first got there, the unit as
- it was started was Dave and four teams, so eight
- 6 detectives, a grand total of nine.
- 7 While I was there, the current captain at
- the time, his last name was Jackson, increased the
- manpower of the unit. We ended up with -- I'm sorry,
- I have to do this by desks in my mind where they
- were -- two, four, six -- we had six teams. So, we
- had twelve detectives under my supervision, the cold
 - case homicide unit.
- 14 There was also a matching -- I had nothing
- 15 to do with it, but there was a matching cold case
- sexual assault unit being run by a female detective
- who had -- I think she had maybe eight teams, so 17
- eight detectives, four teams working for her on
- 19 sexual assault cold cases at RHD also.
- 20 Q And when did you first come over to RHD to
- 21 work in the cold cases unit?
- 22 A It would have been a year -- I think it
- 23 was January of 2007 -- yeah, yes, right around
 - January, right at the beginning of the year of 2007.

- 1 the woman D3 that I had replaced on again both the
- 2 MAC and the Sex Table, she had a pretty good system.
- 3 I think the only thing I did was I organized the
- 4 reports differently in a binder with different
- 5 dividers than she had used for hers, something that
- 6 worked slightly better for me.
- 7 But I mean the system that she had in
- place for the most part worked very well. I wasn't
- going to -- if it ain't broke, don't fix it.
- 10 Q How long did you work as a supervisor at
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- 12 A I was only there as a D3 for maybe a year,
- 13 a little over a year.
- 14 Q And why did you leave?
- 15 A I was recruited by a gentleman named Dave
- 16 Lambkin, L-a-m-b-k-i-n. He and a previous captain
- 17 at RHD had started the cold case homicide unit at
- 18 robbery-homicide.
- 19 Dave is an exceptional detective. He's
- 20 fairly nationally known. But he had started the
- 21 cold case unit, and he was retiring and he had asked
- 22 me if I wanted to come over and take over the unit. 23 So, I put in for a transfer there and was able to
- 24 take over the cold case homicide unit.

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 - Q Okay. And how long were you in that unit
 - 2 for?
 - 3 A I always -- I stayed there for a little
 - over a year -- yeah. Circumstances, it was going to
 - be -- it started to head into being too much
 - administrative. Our captain wanted to combine under
 - 7 one umbrella the cold case sexual assault unit and
 - the cold case homicide unit. They would still have
 - their different mandates, but to make a cold case
 - special section with those two units underneath.
 - But it was more manpower than having two D3s, which
 - is a detective supervisor, than the department was 13 comfortable having.
 - 14 So they brought in a lieutenant above Marty
 - 15 and I, Marty Miyacawa, M-i-y-a-c-a-w-a. She was in charge of the cold case sexual assault unit. They
 - 17 brought in a lieutenant over us.
 - 18 And the unfortunate thing was than rather
 - 19 than still being able to -- because I was able to
 - 20 like pull a couple of cases where some clues would
 - come in and I could do some background work on cold
 - 22 cases while I was there, it was going to be strictly
 - administrative and I would be doing audits and just
 - paperwork. It really wasn't detective work anymore,

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1 and it didn't particularly interest me to remain in

- 2 that capacity. That wasn't what I pictured for my
- 3 career.
- 4 Q Were you actually taking part in cold case
- 5 investigations doing detective type work before this
- 6 shift potentially happened?
- A Yes. We would -- I had participated in the
- 8 transport of a couple of different suspects, serial
- 9 cases, where we were bringing them to and from
- 10 prisons. We did a number of wire taps where my
- 11 partner and I -- actually, one of the other detectives
- 12 and I were the co-affiants on the wire tap search
- 13 warrants.
- 14 I did actual physical follow-up interviews
- 15 requesting forensic testing on some of the older
- 16 cases. So, yeah, I mean, it's -- it varied.
- 17 Whatever I could get my hands on that I could do
- 18 without screwing something up, I tried to do.
- 19 Q And while working for the cold case unit,
- 20 approximately how many homicide cases would you say
- 21 you either supervised or helped investigate?
- 22 A Well, supervised? The unit was created
- 23 because Dave Lambkin had looked and citywide from 1960
- 24 through 1999, which is when the unit was begun, they

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 1 were able to determine there were probably somewhere
- 2 in the area of six thousand unsolved homicides.
- 3 In the early stages of the cold case unit
- 4 when Dave was in charge they ran through and made
- 5 re-requests for fingerprints, DNA on sexual assault
- 6 cases, DNA on other cases, and as hits starting
- 7 coming in, literally there would be hundreds of
- 8 cases that came back to cold case.
- 9 When I took over, again there were
- 10 literally hundreds of cases that I would review.
- 11 The teams that were working for me, they -- again, it
- 12 was the same thing, they would hand me their
- 13 investigations. I'd do like a review and assessment,
- 14 we would sit down and we would have like round table
- 15 talks over, you know, kind of spitball what we might
- 16 do with an investigation, how we might jump start
- 17 something, what we can look at to do.
- 18 So, I mean literally hundreds, I couldn't
- 19 tell you. There were probably around a thousand or
- 20 more cases that I reviewed during that time period,
- 21 and that was -- I was only there for about a year.
- 22 Q So, were those six teams of detectives
- 23 working on a thousand plus cases over a twelve month
- 24 span?

A They would -- I'll have to explain that.

- A They would -- Til have to explain that.
- 2 The physical setup when the cold case unit was
- 3 started, Dave gave every detective a year. And they
- 4 would go to archives and they would try and find
- 5 citywide every homicide case that occurred in that
- 6 year that was unsolved.

7 They would pull the reports and separate

- B the ones that didn't have any DNA, anything that
- would be forensic in that way that they could do,
- 10 but they also pulled the ones with fingerprints.
- 11 And one detective would go through all the
- 12 reports. There wouldn't be extensive follow-up, but
- 3 what there would be was a review process and then
- 14 they would start making requests for items of
- 15 evidence. They have to find if the items of
- 6 evidence were still in property, if they hadn't been
- 17 disposed of for one reason or another. And then
- 17 disposed of for one reason or another. And then
- 18 they would make those requests. And that took the
- 19 first maybe two years, I think, that the unit was
- 20 active.
- 21 And then as the results started kicking in
- 22 and coming back, then cases needed to be investigated.
- 23 You would have -- they set up kind of a hierarchy as
 - to how the case would be investigated. Say,

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- 1 fingerprints might come back, they started getting
- 2 those right away. And if you would get a print hit on
- 3 something, they could start looking at those and they
- 4 would while they were still assessing and reviewing
- 5 other cases.
- 6 As the DNA came back, it generally came in
- 7 one of four ways. Either there was no match, there
- 8 was nothing at all, no DNA. You might get a profile
- 9 on a case. You might get a profile that matches two
- 10 different cases, both of them unsolved but no
- 11 suspect.

12 You might get a profile or a DNA hit on a

3 suspect who was in custody, or you might get a DNA

4 hit on someone who was out of custody. And then if

15 you invert that, that's the priority that they would

16 investigate cases.

17 If you had someone who the DNA came back

8 on a cold case to a suspect that was out of custody,19 that would be the first case that you would work,

20 that would be your priority because, you know,

conceivably you have a murderer walking the street.If you had a cold case hit on someone who

was in custody, it gave you a time frame, you knewthey weren't going anywhere, you had a time frame

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1 where you could get to that when the other things

2 kind of petered out.

3 If you had a case to case hit, it allowed

4 you now to pull those two cases and to look and

5 see -- you would do your victimology. You would go

6 back, where did these cases -- where did everything

7 intersect, where might you find that overlap and

8 start looking for suspects based on those two cases.

9 And then as with a case that we handled in

10 Van Nuys, you might end up with a profile only,

11 where you have a good DNA profile but it doesn't

12 come back to anybody. It is what I would consider a

13 reactive clue. Where if I develop a suspect later,

14 I can eliminate or include them based on them

15 matching that DNA profile.

16 So, those cases as you go through, like I

17 said, you have all those different categories of

18 cases, you have the initial -- what did I say, four

19 teams, the eight detectives that were working,

20 they're picking up literally hundreds of hits as

21 they're coming back. Well, I'm sorry, hits within

22 those categories, you know, profiles, case to case

23 hits, you know, somebody in custody, somebody out of

24 custody.

1 Q So, of those thousand cases that you

2 reviewed as a supervisor in the cold case unit, how

3 many of those resulted in an arrest of a suspect?

A Some of them --

MR. AINSWORTH: Object to the form of the

6 question.

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THE WITNESS: Oh, I'm sorry.

MR. AINSWORTH: I'm just objecting to the

9 form of the question. You can answer.

THE WITNESS: Some of them later on.

11 Because as the supervisor, like I said, I would

12 do some hands on stuff, make some requests,

13 look at some stuff, maybe arrange to try and

14 interview a suspect, or spitball with the

15 detectives handling the case.

But when it came to actually like an

arrest and filing, while I was there as the supervisor, that was not my purview. Like I

supervisor, that was not my purview. Lisaid, I tried to advance the case. So, I

worked it a little bit. Some of those cases

worked it a little bit. Some of those cases

21 later on resulted in arrests, but I was not

22 there at the time. Other detectives were

23 handling those cases.

Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) While you were there --

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1 As a matter of fact, I think, just off the

2 top of my head -- one, two, three -- three serial

3 killers were identified by doing that. And we also

4 then got somebody where we got a named hit. And

5 then if you've ever heard of the -- what did they

6 call him -- the Grim Sleeper some reporter named him.

7 That hit came in while I was in charge of the cold

8 case unit, and it connected, I think it was, twelve

9 different cases, both by ballistics and by DNA to each

10 other.

11 So, I mean you got guys who are getting

12 hits in on cases where you're working serial

13 killers, and so other cases kind of -- I don't want

14 to say fell by the wayside, but had to be back

15 burnered, and those are the kind of cases that

16 myself or maybe teams that didn't have anything that

17 was as hot would start picking up and going through

18 just to keep those cases active and moving forward

19 if there was anything we could do.

So, I literally, to get back to your

21 original question, kind of long winded, what I'm known

22 for, but your original question, I literally looked

23 at hundreds of cases, if not, you know, into over a

24 thousand.

1 strike that.

While you were there, did you become aware

3 of any arrests that were made on the cold cases that

4 you had reviewed?

5 A No.

Q Okay.

7 A None that I'm aware of.

Q And I believe you told me, and correct me

9 if I'm wrong -- well, actually you did. You had

10 been officer in charge in the cold case homicide

11 unit for about a year you said, right?

12 A Yeah, I think just over a year, maybe

13 eleven or twelve months.

14 Q Okay. And then you moved on to the Van

15 Nuys Division as a homicide/sexual assault

16 coordinator, is that right?

A That's correct.

18 Q And what time span were you there working

19 as the homicide sexual assault coordinator?

A I transferred to Van Nuys Division in

1 2008, I believe, March of 2008, and remained there

22 in charge of the homicide and sexual assault table

23 until I retired in March of 2015.

24 Q And you were in a supervisory role when

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1 you were at Van Nuys?

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2 A Yeah, it's -- a supervisory role, but it 3 harkens back to when I worked Van Nuys as the

4 detective supervisor, the D3, you were notified of

5 every homicide that comes in and you roll out on

6 every homicide, you know, with the team that's

7 working. And I oft times would help with the scene,

write reports, so the detectives could hit the

9 ground running with what information that they had.

Sometimes I'd make requests on property 11 interviews. I would do, depending on manpower 12 situations because of the 4/10, I've gone out and done canvasses afterward, interviewed witnesses, any 13 14 number of things.

15 So, it gave me a way to be a supervisor 16 and promote and also still keep my hand in active 17 investigations.

18 Q I'm just going to jump back for a moment 19 to your time in the cold case unit with RHD because 20 I realize I missed a point.

On your CV it says oversee investigations 22 and forensic submissions for DNA, fingerprints, and ballistic evidence for the City of Los Angeles. Can 24 you explain what you mean by overseeing forensic

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1 them out to the divisions. If they didn't match

anything, if there wasn't anything that we should be

looking at, I would contact SID back.

4 The case I told you about before, the Grim

Sleeper case, one of the things that -- I had just

done a project for our captain on the open, unsolved

7 connected cases where we had a number of cases that

were -- like the Grim Sleeper that were connected

through ballistics and DNA but didn't have a

suspect. He wanted to know the status on all those 11 cases.

12 I had just done a project. We'd gotten a hit in -- I think it was January of '08, where a new murder in 77th Division had connected with one of 15 the DNA hits on that series of cases at which time 16 then we took that down -- I took it down and 17 notified one of the other lieutenants. We went in 18 and talked to the captain and then they set up a 19 task force because we knew we had an active serial

killer working in Los Angeles. So, I mean we had -- what I'm talking about was the overseeing of the submissions. Anything that came in like that, that went through me. I would take a look at and if there were no

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1 submissions?

2 A Right, the way the department set things 3 up when the cold case unit became a thing was 4 because there were too many hits that were going 5 back to -- and again we had -- when I first came on 6 the job, we had eighteen geographic divisions which 7 is the equivalent of -- I'm sorry, I'm going back to that -- the equivalent of your districts, and each 9 would request their own DNA on different cases. 10 The problem was it would go down to our

scientific investigation division, SID, and then 12 they would be sending them all to different places, 13 but there was no one place that was tracking all the 14 hits.

15 And so what the department elected to do 16 was they told the divisions, go ahead and you will continue to make DNA submissions on your cases, but the results to make it easier on SID, they would 19 send all the test results and hits to cold case.

20 And then the supervisor of cold case who 21 was me at the time, I would get, you know, maybe 22 weekly or every two weeks I would get an envelope, 23 interdepartmental correspondence kind of envelope 24 with all the different hits. And we would just send

Page 133 1 connections to be made, then we would send them back

out to the divisions and they would handle it.

But, if it was something that had a

potential for turning bigger, it was my responsibility

to notify my lieutenant or my captain so that they

could make a determination as to whether we were going

to keep it, take the investigation over, or send it

back to the divisions.

9 Q Okay, that makes sense.

10 I just want to turn back now to your time with Van Nuys that we were just discussing. So,

looking at some of these bullet points here, one of

them in this second quadrant here says, "Monitored

and trained investigators in investigations, trial

preparation, and testimony." Can you explain what

you mean by monitoring and trained investigators for

17 trial preparation?

18 A Yeah. I would literally sit down with 19 guys who would -- because we had at least one new detective to homicide when I first came to the unit.

And just the nature of homicide in the last few

22 years, it's been difficult to get guys to commit to

the -- it's a time intensive and labor intensive

table to be working compared to some of the other

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1 tables.

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2 And it's hard to get guys to commit to 3 being available sometimes overnight during weekdays, give up weekends, knowing that they could be called

in from family functions and that, people had a

tendency to shy back from that. 6

So, we would get guys that had not worked 8 some of the more difficult tables, the Sex Table or 9 the Robbery Table, which is normally where we drew 10 from. But, we would -- this is like I told you 11 before, working with a mentor detective, I had a 12 very small unit, I had three guys working for me. 13 So, we would rotate the partners. All three would

14 generally work cases. 15 But when we had somebody new I would 16 roll out on the scene and I would try and take them 17 under my wing, so to speak, and give them an idea of 18 what I was looking for as a homicide detective, as a 19 homicide supervisor, what I wanted them doing at 20 scenes, you know, during follow-ups, and then also 21 for trial.

22 Because a lot of times, at least out here, Sexual -- people who come from the Sexual

24 Assault Table are generally -- they follow a case

Page 136 1 responsible for disciplining the officers because I

see this bullet point here that says "Conducted

Misconduct Investigations."

4 A No. Every division has -- basically it's a complaint officer, usually it's a sergeant that

they handle complaints for both patrol and

7 detectives, usually one guy, maybe two guys

depending on the size of the division.

9 But if that patrol -- I'm sorry, if that 10 complaint officer or complaint sergeant was 11 inundated, they would sometimes farm personnel complaints to the detective supervisors, the D3s, to handle personnel complaints as they came in and, you know, do the interviews, do the interviews with the 15 witnesses, and handle the personnel complaints, and 16 then submit them.

And it would actually work just the 18 opposite of me as a supervisor. I would compile all my information and I would submit it to him where he would review it and assess it, and he may kick it back to me and say for a personnel complaint we need this to be done, also. And then I would go back out and do it. And so I would be on the other side of the learning curve on that. But it was my

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through trial. Robbery Table to a lesser degree will follow through trial.

2 3 But other detectives are not used to the scrutiny that they will get during a homicide trial. 5 And so I give them an idea of what to anticipate 6 with trial prep, you know, you're going to need to 7 bring this stuff, you're going to need to check this 8 stuff out, you're going to need to be prepared to go 9 on the witness stand, you got to make sure your 10 witnesses are all lined up, you have to transport 11 witnesses to and from court, all the investigation,

12 all the trial prep, and then also testimony. 13 I would go and sit -- my detectives when 14 they would go testify, especially if it was one of 15 the first times, I would try and slide in the back 16 of court and see how they testified. And if I could 17 give them some kind of an idea of better -- like a 18 pointer or something to include so that they come 19 across maybe -- not necessarily better, but 20 sometimes more professional during cross examination 21 or even during regular examination to further their

22 case, to look a little bit more professional to

Q And in this role, were you also

23 present to a jury in a better way.

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investigation to conduct.

2 Q And when you say personnel complaint, are you saying complaints that occurred within the department or are we also including civilian

A Any complaints. Most of the ones that we

5 complaints?

get are civilian complaints. The last one that I

had, the civilian wasn't crazy about how the

complaint was adjudicated, so then he complained

10 against me.

11 My captain investigated that. He didn't 12 like how that complaint was adjudicated. He 13 complained against the captain. And then Internal Affairs had to do it, and then he didn't like how that came out and he complained against the Internal 16 Affairs investigator and the commander.

He had made an allegation that he had been

sexually battered on the job. The internal investigation had shown that it didn't happen, so he made a police report. That investigation showed that it didn't happen. And when that showed it 22 didn't happen, he went to two other divisions to 23 make another police report about the exact same 24 incident.

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1 And as those came back to the division

- 2 because they happened in our division, something
- 3 that's already been reported and adjudicated, we
- 4 just eliminate it. We just write it up, and that
- 5 was where then he had his beef with me, and of
- 6 course, it just kept going up the chain of command.
- 7 He wasn't going to be happy unless the adjudication
- 8 was in his favor.
- 9 As a matter of fact, I think I retired and
- 10 some of those complaints with Internal Affairs were
- 11 still ongoing.
- 12 Q As part of that role where you would
- 13 conduct misconduct investigations, did you ever have
- 14 to make any determination as to whether the
- 15 complaint was founded or unfounded?
- 16 A Well, the one that I just told you about.
- 17 The complaint that he made against -- and it was
- 18 actually one of my detectives on the Sexual Assault
- 19 Table, he complained that he didn't investigate -- the
- 20 initial complaint or the initial crime, that he
- 21 didn't properly investigate it when -- my
- 22 detective's name was Floyd, had gone through and
- 23 re-interviewed everyone, had reviewed the internal
- 24 investigation from the company that he worked at,

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- 1 when you retired from the department that was the
- 2 last role that you had, is that correct?
- 3 A Yeah, on the department, yes.
 - Q Okay. So, you spent your entire law
- 5 enforcement career with the Los Angeles Police
- 6 Department, is that fair to say?
 - A That's correct.
- 8 Q Now, your work as an expert consultant, I
- 9 know we talked about it a little bit in the
- 10 beginning, that you worked as an expert on four
- 11 cases, is that under your own company?
- 12 A Yes. It started as R. J. Bub
- 13 Investigations, and I've morphed it, as I said, into
- 14 R. J. Bub Consulting. Like I said, I don't -- I
- 15 don't do many actual private investigations or
- 16 anything anymore. It's just the consulting.
- 17 Q And how long have you been working as an
- 18 expert consultant?
- 19 A I think as the -- I think on my case -- I
- 20 think it shows the first case I did was -- it's
- 21 pronounced Samoylovich versus City of Chicago, and
- 22 that was in I want to say 2018. It's on my -- it's
- 23 2017, I'm sorry.
- 24 Q Sure, I can actually -- yeah, I can pull

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- 1 wrote everything up, submitted it to the City
- 2 Attorney's Office, and the City Attorney's Office
- 3 had rejected the case out of hand. They weren't
- 4 going to file anything.
- 5 And that's when the complainant then made
- 6 the complaint against Floyd saying that he didn't
- 7 properly investigate everything. And as I looked at
- 8 that report, that was the first one that I looked
- 9 at, and Floyd had done everything right.
- 10 I went and I talked with the City Attorney.
- 11 The City Attorney had no issue with anything that was
- 12 done. There was nothing that he was suggesting that
- 13 we do. So, we unfounded the complaint as outside of
- 14 -- it wasn't a violation of policy. Floyd hadn't done
- 15 anything wrong.
- And of course, that's -- then he goes out
- 17 and he makes the same crime report at different
- 18 divisions hoping it would go maybe to somebody else.
- 19 And then as I've explained, it just kept going up.
- 20 And so that was -- I unfounded the complaint against
- 21 Floyd because, like I said, there was no policy
- 22 violation done.
- 23 Q Okay. Now, in that role as homicide and
- 24 sexual assault coordinator for Van Nuys Division,

- Page 141 1 up Exhibit 2 which is your case list. So, that's
- 2 the first case that's listed here, is that right?
 - A That's correct.
- 4 Q And in that case you were retained by the
- 5 defense, is that correct?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Okay. Did you testify at trial in that
- 8 case?

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- 9 A No, ma'am. There was a -- I stated on
- 10 there there was a summary judgment for the defendant
- 11 on that case. It didn't go to trial. That's one of
- 12 the cases that I was deposed.
- 13 Q And then the next case, Stanley Wrice
- 14 versus City of Chicago, et al, you were also hired
- 15 by the defense, is that correct?
- 16 A Yes.

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- Q And did you testify at trial?
- 18 A No, ma'am, I did not.
- 19 Q Okay. And for the third case listed here,
- 20 Steven Grova, G-r-o-v-a versus Michael Savasta,
- 21 S-a-v-a-s-t-a, that's another case in which you
- 22 were retained by the defense, is that correct?
 - A That's correct.
- 24 Q And I see here summary judgment was

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- 1 granted so you did not testify at trial, is that
- 2 correct?
- 3 A That's correct, and I didn't have to be
- 4 deposed either. It all happened prior to deposition.
 - Q Okay. And the fourth case listed here is
- 6 Velez versus the City of Chicago, et al., is that
- 7 right?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q Okay. I know Mr. Ainsworth and my firm
- 10 are still actively litigating that case, so I think
- 11 I know the answer to this question, but you have
- 12 not testified at trial for that case, is that correct?
- 13 A That is correct.
- 14 Q And you did submit an expert report?
- 15 A Yes, as with Grova v. Savasta. They
- 16 actually requested -- there's -- it was one report
- 17 and they asked me to split it. So, there are
- 18 technically two reports for that case. And I
- 19 believe I submitted at least two for Velez.
- 20 Q Right. I believe you also submitted a
- 21 supplemental report, is that correct?
- 22 A Yes, I believe so.
- 23 Q And for each of these cases, you were
- 24 hired as an expert to opine about the method of

- Page 144 Q Aside from this Bachelor's Degree and then
- 2 I understand that you've obviously worked your way
- 3 up through the Los Angeles Police Department and
- 4 that includes some course work, but aside from
- 5 those two things, have you obtained any other
- 6 certifications?
- 7 A Well, technically back when I started
- 8 working Rampart, and it was periodically updated, in
- 9 order to complete electronic surveillance, wire tap,
- 10 you had to take a course. And I don't know if
- 11 there's -- I don't recall at this point if there is
- 12 a final exam, but I was certified to work and run
- 13 wire taps from -- I think it would have been -- I
- 14 think we went in '96 -- please don't hold me to that
- 15 -- but, I maintained that until -- it would expire
- 16 after five years, you would have to renew. And I
- 17 maintained that up until 2015, when I retired.
 - It may have expired just before, but I
- 19 knew I wasn't going to be working any wire taps.
- 20 There was no reason for me to maintain the
- 21 certification.

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- 22 Q Have you ever -- well, let me just ask you
- 23 like this, you're not an attorney, correct, like you
- 24 haven't taken any legal course work other than what

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- 1 investigation conducted by the officers and the
- 2 detectives for some underlying criminal case, is
- 3 that fair?
- 4 A That's correct.
- 5 Q Okay. So, this case that we're here for
- 6 today, the Fulton/Mitchell v. City of Chicago case,
- 7 that's the second time that you've been retained by
- 8 the firm, Loevy & Loevy, is that correct?
- 9 A That is correct.
- 10 Q Okay. I'm just going to turn to Exhibit 1
- 11 just once more. I don't believe I saw your
- 12 education listed on your CV. Do you have a CV that
- 13 normally has your education on it or is this
- 14 typically what you go with?
- 15 A This is what I go with. I graduated a
- 16 Bachelor of Science in -- at the time it was called
- 17 criminal justice from the University of Milwaukee --
- 18 University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, and I graduated
- 19 in December of 1981.
- 20 Q And other than obtaining your Bachelor of
- 21 Science from the University of Wisconsin in
- 22 Milwaukee, have you obtained any other degrees,
- 23 Master's Degrees, Doctorate's, anything like that?
- 24 A No, ma'am.

- 1 you have done at the academy?
- 2 A Correct.
- 3 Q And have you authored any works or any
- 4 articles or any literature?
- 5 A No.
- 6 Q And just looking back at Exhibit 2 here,
- 7 this third case, Grova v. Savasta, do you recall if
- 8 -- what jurisdiction that case occurred in or what
- 9 State?

- 10 A It's Florida. Boy, you'd think I'd
- 11 remember, but I do not remember what jurisdiction it
- 2 was in. Interestingly enough, it was an arson case.
- 13 Q Well, let me ask you. As part of your
- 14 expert report, did you touch at all -- did you touch15 at all on the arson aspect of the case?
- 16 MR. AINSWORTH: Go ahead and answer.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Just in that I was not
- hired as an expert with regards to arson, much
- 19 like this case. My focus was the investigation
- 20 as it was completed. And the only place where
- it addressed that was my view of they had
- 22 competing arson experts on the case, and they
 - had an arson -- because it was an arson case,
- 24 they had an arson investigator on scene for the

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- 1 original investigation, and I just found it
- 2 proper that the detective involved in the case
- 3 was deferring most of the opinions regarding
- 4 arson and the arrest to the arson investigator.
- 5 To put it in simple terms, basically to
- 6 stay in your lane as much as possible without
- 7 opining on forensic information or forensic
- 8 abilities that you don't have.
- 9 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) Are you aware if any of
- 10 your prior opinions that you've given in these
- 11 expert reports have been barred by any court?
- 12 A No.
- 13 Q Okay, so I'm going to stop here just for
- 14 moment. So, Mr. Bub, what is your hourly rate for
- 15 case review?
- 16 A I charge 200 an hour.
- 17 Q Is that also your hourly rate for trial or
- 18 does it differ?
- 19 A It differs. Per my services for trial,
- 20 deposition, 275 per hour.
- 21 Q And do you charge for travel expenses?
- 22 A Yes, if there is -- if there is travel
- 23 involved.
- 24 Q And what would that amount be?

- Page 148 But throughout your career you've worked
- 2 as a homicide detective or you've worked on homicide
- 3 investigations. So, during that time had you ever
- 4 collected physical evidence?
- 5 A Yes. As a matter of fact, while working
- 6 Rampart Division in the nineties just because of the
- 7 sheer number we didn't have the opportunity to call
- 8 SID out. They weren't staffed enough to send people
- 9 out to all the murders.
- 10 So, we would do measurements, collection
- 11 of even like blood swatches, ballistics information,
- 12 we did that all on our own.
- 13 Q I think you testified to this, but as a
- 14 homicide detective you also attended autopsies, is
- 15 that correct?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Okay. And when you would attend autopsies
- 18 as a homicide detective, would you normally take
- 19 notes?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q Would there ever be an occasion in which
- 22 you did not take notes at an autopsy?
- A No, ma'am, we always took our own notes.
- 24 And as a matter of fact, we would bring -- much like

- A Let's see, it's been a long time since I
- 2 updated. What I generally do is I will charge a
- 3 flat rate for travel, and then I rely on myself for
- 4 flight, car rental, hotel, meals, anything along
- 5 those lines. That way I'm not at the mercy of
- 6 someone else. Also, if there would be delays or
- 7 changes, I can make them directly rather than having
- 8 to work on paperwork later to have something
- 9 approved or disapproved or having to go through
- 10 those battles. It just makes it easier for me to do
- 11 it myself.
- 12 Q Okay. And how many hours did you spend
- 13 reviewing the materials in this case?
- 14 A Up to the report?
- 15 Q Correct.
- 16 A If I remember I did some quick math, I
- 17 think it was about 240 hours.
- 18 Q And have you submitted an invoice to Loevy
- 19 & Loevy for your time spent on this case thus far?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q When you were working as a homicide
- 22 detective -- and I'm just going to speak generally
- 23 for these next few questions because it just makes
- 24 it easier because I know you've bounced around.

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 1 what you see in the autopsy report generated in this
- 2 case, we had a series of four pages that depicted
- 3 front and back of a head, side to side of a head,
- 4 hands, full body, and arms, and then full body front
- 5 and back, and then a separate page like -- I can't
- 6 do it with my hands, right and left.
- 7 And we would do our own -- in addition to
- 8 notes, we would also do our own diagrams of tattoos,
- 9 injuries, if possible trajectories, anything along
- 10 those lines. So, we had our own reference points.
- 11 Q While you were a detective I understand
- 12 that you went to detective school and then you also
- 13 engaged in some on the job training by shadowing
- 14 other detectives. Through that time did you learn
- 15 that you could use deception when interrogating a
- 16 suspect?
- 17 A Yes. Often when interviewing a suspect,
- 18 you can tell them small lies with regards to what
- 9 they tell victims -- I'm sorry, what you tell
- 20 suspects with regards to certain things. It's an
- 21 accepted practice.
- 22 Q And is it your understanding that it's
- 23 also acceptable to confront a suspect with another
 - witness's statement or other comments that another

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1 witness made?

- 2 A Well, you're getting into a different
- 3 area. When you're talking about if you're
- 4 confronting them with information that they didn't
- 5 have before or without knowing how something goes
- 6 down, are you presenting information that they don't
- 7 have before?
- 8 Because there's a difference between
- 9 having someone say something and saying, well, so
- 10 and so told me something different as opposed to
- 11 walking in and having them say like a complete
- 12 denial and walking in and saying, well, this person
- 13 told me that this happened and this happened and
- 14 this happened.
- 15 For your example you would have to be more
- 16 specific rather than just saying I confronted somebody
- 17 with the information. I would want to know exactly
- 18 how much information or at what point you're
- 19 confronting them.
- 20 I don't know that I would walk in during a
- 21 suspect interview and lay out everything that
- 22 another witness said because there are things that
- 23 I'm going to want to check that a suspect tells me
- 24 to make sure that it jibes with the information that

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- 1 that witness the entire statement -- the suspect the
- entire statement the witness gave, but just that
- fact. Is that permissible?
 - A I would not -- well, and I will take this
- a step back from that. I would not tell them
- exactly what witness because we've had issue before
- 7 with fronting a witness where you're putting that
- 8 witness in danger.
- 9 What I might say is, well, I know I've got
- 10 somebody who has told me that that's not true, that
- 11 they saw you here. Or I've got a video that shows
- 12 that you're here, or somebody says this and confront
- them on a specific point.
- 14 Yeah, I would have no problem with that,
- 15 but I don't know that I would front a witness or
 - tell them exactly who it is that told me a specific
- 17 thing.

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- 18 Q Has there ever been an occasion in which
- 19 you did identify a witness while you were
- 20 interrogating a suspect?
 - A Yes.
- 22 Q Okay. And in what circumstance did that
- 23
 - A We had a double murder in Rampart Division

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1 I have.

- 2 Often, when I'm talking to a suspect or
- 3 talking to a witness, I would tell them going in I'm
- 4 going to ask you questions that I already know the
- 5 answer to, and it will help me gauge what you're 6 telling me whether that's the truth or not. And one
- 7 of the purposes is for just that, but another it
- 8 also has a tendency, it can put a suspect or a
- 9 witness slightly off center knowing that, well, I
- 10 don't know exactly what he knows, so is he going to
- 11 be able to tell what can I say that's a lie, what
- 12 can I say that's not a lie, how can I skirt the
- 13 truth. And it gives me an idea of how to read that
- 14 person.
- 15 But when you say confront them with
- 16 information as to a specific point, yes. As to an
- entire story, you're getting into an area that I 17
- 18 would not do.
- 19 Q So, let's say you're interrogating a
- 20 suspect for a potential homicide, and that suspect
- 21 tells you I could not have committed that homicide,
- 22 I was here. Is it your understanding that it's
- 23 permissible to say, well, no, this witness told me
- 24 that you were here, not necessarily providing to

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- 1 on Labor Day of 1994. It was a rent collector, and
- what I mean by rent collector, he worked for the
- Mexican Mafia, or they refer to it as Lamae, and he
- was driving around a neighborhood of a gang. It was
- an 18th Street gang called the CLCS, Columbia Lil
- Cycos. He had been driving around collecting rent
- 7 from them, threatening them with a hand gun.
- 8 Long story short, they came out one of the
- times when he drove by, they unloaded on his Chevy
- Suburban with semi-automatic rifles, fired probably
- somewhere around thirty-four times, killed him
- 12 driving and the passenger officer.
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- We had identified a number of -- we
- 14 actually tried to file a conspiracy with eight
- people, but we had identified four specific people
- 16 having been involved in the murder. And we
- interviewed one of the suspects and his claim was
- that he was in a completely different city at a
- 19 different time. 20 And we confronted him with the fact that
- 21 his girlfriend had claimed that they were in the
- 22 apartment because they both went out and looked at the aftermath of the shooting, and that he had
 - gotten mad because she walked outside and she was

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- 1 wearing a pair of boxer shorts and a tank top, and
- 2 he got mad at the way she was dressed. And we
- 3 confronted him with that information. And I regret
- 4 that to this day.
- 5 Q Are there any other instances in which you
- 6 identified a witness other than the example that you
- 7 just gave?
- 8 A No. As I said, that's a circumstance that
- 9 put me off doing that for the rest of my career.
- 10 Q Are you aware of something happening to
- 11 the girlfriend as a result of identifying her as the
- 12 person --
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q -- as the person who stated that the
- 15 suspect was elsewhere?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Okay. You would agree it's permissible
- 18 that you can confront a suspect with physical
- 19 evidence, right?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q You can confront a suspect with photographs
- 22 of the victim, is that fair?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q Would you ever or have you ever confronted

1 information.

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- 2 You may not always be getting a confession,
- 3 but I will tell my guys that contradictions within an
- 4 interview and admissions in an interview can be just
- 5 as damning as long as you can corroborate it with
- 6 something later on.
 - If you're getting contradictions in an
- 8 interview and you can't tell which one is true and
- 9 which one isn't, it doesn't help you at all. All
- 10 you've got is a number of different versions that
- 11 don't really advance your case. You need to be able
- 12 to pin down exactly which version of a story is true
- 13 and which version is not.
- 14 Q In your time as a detective had you
- 15 encountered suspects giving contradictory statements
- 16 to you in different interviews?
- 17 A Not different interviews. I seldom
- 18 interviewed a suspect repeatedly. I would do an
- 19 interview with them the first time and go through
- 20 it again. Probably the longest interview that I've
- 21 done is maybe about three, three and a half hours.
- 22 But I would go through -- because my experience has
- 23 been once I start going back and talking to a
- 25 been once I start going back and talking to a
- 24 suspect and confronting them with the information

- 1 a witness who you sensed may not be being truthful
- 2 about what he or she saw?
- 3 A I cannot think of an instance, but I'm
- 4 pretty sure I probably have.
- 5 Q While you were a detective, and I guess
- 6 also while you were training other detectives, what
- 7 if anything would you have done or did you tell
- 8 detectives to do if they sensed that a suspect isn't
- 9 being truthful?
- 10 A Well, during an interview what I would
- 11 tell them is get as much information from that
- 12 person as possible, and then you circle back and you
- 13 can obliquely confront them with information. And
- 14 by that I mean you told me this before or have
- 15 them -- I'm sorry, have them repeat the story in a
- 16 different way from a different perspective and see
- 17 if you get information in a different way, and then
- 18 you can confront them with the contradictions within
- 19 their own story.
- 20 You can again confront them with real
- 21 information that you have, you don't necessarily
- 22 have to present the evidence, but you can purport to
- 23 have it, and there are times when you don't have that
- 24 information, and see if you get different stories and

- Page 157 that is inaccurate, most invoke, and they won't talk
- 2 to me, they'll stop talking to me. And it's at that
- 3 point then I'm looking at what contradictions that
- 4 they made. And when I say contradictions, not just
- 5 to their story, but to the information that I know
- 6 from my investigation, and then admissions that they
- 7 make that match the information that I have within
- 8 my investigation, evidence that I have.
- 9 Q When you say you seldom would interview a
- 10 suspect repeatedly, is there any particular reason
- 11 why that is?
- 12 A Most would invoke. And I've never had a
- 13 circumstance where -- again, once you have a
- 4 suspect, I don't often get a second bite at the
- 15 apple. They'll either refuse to talk to me, or if
- 16 they're in custody by the time I would get back to
- 17 somebody, you know, they'd been arraigned and
- 18 attorneys will prevent me from talking to them.
- 19 So, my general opinion is if I've got
- 20 somebody, I'll do the interview when I'm prepared to
 - 1 do the interview, when I have all the information
- 22 that I have, all the quote/unquote ammunition that I
- 23 need which is basically all the evidence and
- 4 conclusions that I've drawn prior, and go in

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1 prepared rather than go in and get information and

- 2 have to come back out, and then go in and try and
- 3 get more information because I found something
- 4 different.
- 5 I want to have myself prepared and my guys
- 6 prepared to go in and do the interview and have all
 - their ducks in a row before they do the interview.
- 8 Q Have you ever had an occasion in which you
- 9 interviewed a suspect multiple times?
- 10 A I cannot think of one.
- 11 Q Have you ever supervised a detective who
- 12 interviewed a suspect multiple times?
- 13 A Again, I can't think of one.
- 14 Q And it wasn't against LAPD policy to
- 15 interview a suspect multiple times, is that correct?
- 16 A Oh, no, correct. When we're talking about
- 17 a suspect, it's not necessarily somebody that's in
- 18 custody.
- 19 I've had -- I guess -- I don't know if you
- 20 would consider this under that umbrella because I
- 21 don't. When I was working Rampart Division, I had a
- 22 suspect on one particular case that I was not able
- 23 to develop enough PC to arrest, and we had to let
- 24 him go.

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Page 160 interview them once. I won't -- there's no mechanism for me to hold them for a long period of time and repeatedly go in.

If I've got him in that room as -- he may be a suspect to me, and under that I'm talking about when we're talking about Miranda being in custody and interrogation. He may be a suspect to me, but when I talk to him he doesn't know he's a suspect. And if I don't develop enough to arrest and book him, I may let him go.

But then when I arrest him the second time, I may try. Every time I've done that, every one that comes to memory, once I've arrested him the second time, when I go in to interview him, they won't talk to me at all.

So, I've attempted a second time, but it's usually not after I've placed somebody under arrest where I interview them prior to having to book any number of times. I may be talking to them, as I said I think they're a suspect, they're a person of interest, but they're not technically in custody and, you know, you may let them go and maybe arrest them a second time.

- Him I did interview a second time, but we
- 2 interviewed him a second time because he was
- 3 involved in a second murder. And after the second
- 4 murder, we had enough to book him on that and then
- 5 develop the connection between the two to file both
- 6 cases.
- 7 So, technically I interviewed him twice,
- 8 but as a suspect he was interviewed once for each
- 9 case.
- 10 Q Okay. You just mentioned that one of the
- 11 reasons why you seldom interviewed suspects
- 12 repeatedly was because most would invoke their
- 13 rights. Had you ever had an interview occur where
- 14 the suspect did not invoke his rights?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q And that's happened to you on multiple
- 17 occasions.
- 18 MR. AINSWORTH: Object to the form of the
- 19 question. Go ahead.
- THE WITNESS: It's happened to me on occasion. I don't know if I'd consider it
- 22 multiple occasions. Again, when I interview a
- 23 suspect, if they're not in custody where I'm
- 24 going to actually physically book them, I'll

- Page 161 1 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) Okay. You also mentioned
 - 2 an instance where you interviewed a suspect for
 - 3 three to three and a half hours. I think you said
 - 4 that's the longest that you had interviewed a
 - suspect before, is that right?
 - 6 A Yes, that I can recall, yes.
 - 7 Q Would you consider three to three and a
 - 8 half hours to be a long period of time to interview
 - 9 a suspect?
 - 10 A For me it is. I've known other detectives,
 - 1 especially when I was working RHD, that have
 - 2 interviewed guys for upwards of six hours or longer,
 - 13 six to eight hours. But in my experience I can't
 - 14 think of any. Somebody may disagree with me, but I
 - 15 can't think of any where the longer the interview
 - 16 went on that you got any better information than you
 - 17 did in the first three or four hours where somebody
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 - 18 actually, you know, confessed after six hours that
 - 19 they wouldn't have after four hours where it's
 - 20 panned out.
 - 21 Q For that three to three and a half hour
 - 22 interview that you had conducted, was that a
 - 3 continuous period of time or had you taken breaks
 - 4 during that interview?

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- A That was a continuous period of time.
- 2 Q And for that interview, did you end up
- 3 obtaining a confession?
- 4 A Yes, in that particular one we did.
- 5 Q And do you recall if that suspect ended up
- 6 being tried and convicted?
- 7 A Yes. Actually I believe -- I'm sorry,
- 8 yes. I wasn't sure if he had taken a plea, but we
- 9 did go to trial in that and he was convicted, yes.
- 10 Q In your career as a homicide detective,
- 11 approximately how many confessions would you say
- 12 you've obtained before?
- 13 A The true answer is less than I would like.
- 14 I would say maybe fifteen or twenty, maybe.
- 15 Q And why do you say less than you would
- 16 like?

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- 17 A Well, ultimately I would like all of them
- 18 to confess, you know, in addition to corroborative
- 19 physical evidence, but it doesn't always work out
- 20 that way.
- 21 Q You would agree that a confession can be
- 22 compelling evidence?
- 23 A It can be, yeah.
- 24 Q In those fifteen to twenty confessions

Page 164 1 found that when you've obtained a confession that

- 1 Tourid that when you've obtained a confession that
- 2 you may obtain facts that you later learned to not
- 3 be true?

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- 4 A No, I can't think of a confession that
- 5 I've gotten that has not been corroborated by
- 6 physical evidence.
 - I mean in that particular case, we
- 3 suspected -- we knew he had been stabbed, and at the
- 9 autopsy, the pericardial sac had a peculiar wound
- 10 pattern to it. It actually looked like -- almost
- 11 like a star pattern, a four pointed star. And I had
- 12 put in my notes that it looked like the head of a
- 13 Phillips head screwdriver.
- 14 And after we had gotten the confessions, we
- 15 had served a search warrant on the main suspect's
- 16 location. And we located a Phillips head screwdriver
- 17 that had DNA underneath -- between the shaft and the
- 18 handle that matched our victim.
- 19 The confessions that I've had have always
- 20 matched up with the physical evidence that I had.
 - Q Okay. And in your experience as a
- 22 homicide detective, you've also obtained statements
- 23 from eyewitnesses or just witnesses, is that fair to
- 24 say?

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- 1 that you obtained, did any of those cases involve
- 2 multiple suspects confessing to a crime?
- A I've had a case where it was a robbery/
- 4 murder. One of the suspects confessed. I don't
- 5 want to say -- it wasn't a full confession. It was
- 6 a robbery where they actually stabbed our victim to
- 7 death with a Phillips head screwdriver.
- 8 The suspect who confessed to doing the
- 9 robbery and pointing out which of his
- 10 co-conspirators had actually done the stabbing would
- 11 only go so far as to say that the suspect had
- 12 punched our victim. But, then the other two
- 13 suspects involved in that case even when confronted
- 14 with the fact that one of their co-conspirators
- 15 admitted to the robbery refused to -- refused to
- 16 admit to anything, and our main suspect, the one who
- 17 had actually stabbed our victim, at that point he
- 18 invoked.
- 19 Q So, in that specific instance you obtained
- 20 a partial confession from that main suspect, is that
- 21 fair?
- 22 A Yeah. It was a confession to the robbery.
- 23 It was not a confession to the murder.
- 24 Q Okay. And in your experience, have you

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q And approximately how many have you done
- 3 or received rather?
- 4 A Oh, yikes, hundreds, probably. I mean
- 5 between all the murders, you know, numbers of
- 6 people. We've had cases where we've had thirty or
- 7 forty people eyewitness a particular case, so it's
- 8 difficult to say.
- 9 Q For those hundreds of witnesses who you've
- 10 obtained statements from, have you ever had an
- 11 experience in which the eyewitness had changed
- 12 portions of what they were telling you throughout an
- 13 interview?

- 14 A Throughout an interview?
 - Q Correct, so they contradicted themselves.
- 16 A Usually not an eyewitness. No, I've had
- 17 witnesses as with my testimony here where we'll be
- 8 talking about something and they'll remember
- 19 something that they forgot to include with it.
- 20 But, not anything -- I don't recall any
- 21 where somebody has come out later and said, yeah, he
- 22 turned this direction and I was wrong. He didn't
- 23 jump into a Maserati, you know, he jumped into a
- 24 Hummer or something, or anything that would be

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I mean there are mistakes of observation,
but nothing where they've completely changed their
story as to what happened.

5 Q Okay. So, in your career you've never had 6 a witness recant a prior statement that they had 7 given to you?

MR. AINSWORTH: Object to the form of the question.

THE WITNESS: Well, now we're talking about something different if you're talking about recanting a statement.

What I understood before what you were asking me is during the course of an interview, did somebody change course and say, well, no, this isn't what happened, this is what happened.

But, recanting an interview, I've had somebody, especially with gang related cases, one of the things that we would go -- especially if time had passed on a gang related case is we would go back to ex-girlfriends of the gang member, of the people that we were looking at, especially if we would -- well,

Page 168 in the car that made him. I wouldn't consider

- that a recantation or a diversion, if you want
- 3 to look at it that way. But, not in that way.
- 4 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) So, if I understand
- 5 correctly, the witness recantations that you've
- 6 experienced were predominantly involving
- 7 boyfriend/girlfriend or two individuals who had an
- 8 intimate relationship?
- 9 A Not always. I'm not an absolutist. I
- 10 mean there's always circumstances where you might
- 11 have a witness -- especially in cold cases, one of
- 12 the things that we've found investigating cold cases
- 13 is as time goes by, if the case is five, ten years
- 14 old, you'll have witnesses who said one thing
- 15 because they were afraid at the time the murder
- 16 occurred and they've moved away. And now that
- 17 they're outside of that neighborhood, they've moved
- 18 on with their lives, the person that committed the
- 19 crime is no longer a threat to them, they'll come
- 20 back and tell me, well, yeah, what I told you before
- 21 was untrue, this is what happened, but it's because
- 22 I was afraid.
- 23 Q In those cases in which the witness came 24 back to you and said, well, actually what I said

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I'll take a step back.

One of the things as time went on with a gang case that I would do would be to go through preliminary investigation reports that came through for domestic violence, for CAPS cases, crimes against person cases, and I would look for victims who were spouses, girlfriends of our suspects.

And I would go through and especially if the suspect in that case was the guy that we were looking at. And I could go back and talk to that victim and they may now give me a different story. I don't know if that's what you were talking about before, where they would recant something completely based on circumstances later on.

But to have somebody -- I mean I wouldn't say I've never had anybody come in and recant a story, you know. The one I told you about before with interviewing the suspect who had been jumped out of a gang, and he came in and he gave a number of witness statements with regards to other murders. And again, he -- basically I got him to confess to where he was

1 initially wasn't true because I was afraid, in

- 2 those instances did the witness originally say the
- 3 suspect was not involved and now because there's no
- 4 longer a threat of danger they're now saying the
- 5 suspect is?
- 6 A Yes, usually, that's -- that would be the
- 7 main driver. Again I won't say it happens in every
- 8 case, but that would be the main driver in cold
- 9 cases would be going back in distance and time,
- 10 makes a difference with witnesses giving you more
- 11 accurate information, usually more accurate
- 12 information.
- 13 Q I know that you said that it's not
- 14 necessarily true that it's always -- I shouldn't say
- 15 always, but it's not necessarily true that in your
- 16 line of work a lot of your witness recantations
- 17 occurred between partners, but did you find that
- 18 that did occur between partners while you were
- 19 working as a homicide detective?
 - A Yes, it could.

- 21 Q I know you brought up the word diversion
- 22 when talking about witnesses who might not initially
 - 3 give you all the information that you're requesting
- 4 during an interview but then eventually do, is that

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1 fair to say?

- 2 A Yeah, but I mean we're talking about what
- 3 could be -- are we talking about like in an initial
- 4 interview within a half hour or forty-five minutes,
- 5 or are we talking about I talked to somebody and
- 6 then three months later I get a different version of
- 7 events? I mean it depends again on the particular
- 8 set of circumstances.
- 9 Again sometimes a witness when I'm talking
- 10 to them they'll say something and much like with a
- 11 suspect I can ask them, well, I've got certain
- 12 information that shows that might not be true, and
- 13 they may rethink and answer and say, well, yeah, I
- 14 may have been thinking about something else. And it
- 15 varies.
- 16 Q Sir, in your career when interviewing a
- 17 witness, have you ever had an instance in which it
- 18 appeared that a witness was not being truthful with
- 19 you?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q And has that occurred more than once or is
- 22 that a one time occasion?
- 23 A It's happened on more than one occasion,
- 24 yes.

- 1 into a police station, sit down and if they want to
- 2 update me, I've left business cards and say if
- 3 something changes where you want to contact me, you
- 4 can contact me. And I'll make multiple attempts to
- 5 recontact a witness to see if I can get information.
- 6 Physically if somebody -- if I'm doing an
- 7 interview with somebody and they're telling me what
- 8 story they're telling me, I can attempt to get them
- 9 on track or get them to tell me what I believe is
- 10 the truth by giving them information that doesn't
- 11 fit what they're telling me. But if that doesn't
- 12 work, it doesn't work.
- 13 Q As a homicide detective, have you ever had
- 4 a case in which you could have charged that witness
- 15 with a crime but you chose not to or at least you
- 16 didn't recommend that they be charged with a crime to
- 17 a prosecutor because that witness had valuable
- 18 information that you wanted to use to apprehend a
- 19 suspect?
- 20 A In your question, what is the underlying
- 21 charge that you're talking about, you know, with
- 22 regards to recommending that a district attorney not
- 23 file charges?
- 24 I've had on occasion somebody that was

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- Q And so on those occasions in which you got
- 2 the impression that the witness was not being
- 3 truthful what, if anything, did you do when you
- 4 noticed that the witness was being a bit -- you
- 5 know, they were hiding information?
 - A I might take down whatever -- you have to
- 7 understand, I recorded -- going back to 1993 I
- 8 recorded most of my interviews. Whenever it was
- 9 feasible, I would audio record most of my interviews
- 10 so that I had the information that they gave me. I
- 11 wasn't relying solely on memory for what they told
- 12 me.

- 13 I would go through as much information as
- 14 I could from a witness, but I can't -- most of the
- 15 time -- I shouldn't say most of the time. I can't
- 16 force somebody to tell me what they don't want to
- 17 tell me. I might go back -- once a suspect is in
- 18 custody and they know that they're not getting out,
- 19 they're being held without bail or with a bail
- 20 that's going to prevent them from getting out, and
- 21 go back to a witness and have them -- I proposed on
- 22 a number of occasions that they meet me at the
- 23 station, they can just leave, make sure nobody sees
- 24 them, make an excuse for why if they were seen going

- 1 arrested for possession of narcotics, and I won't
- 2 advise a district attorney not to file. But what
- 3 I've done before is with a district attorney and a
- 4 defense attorney, I will let them know that if this
- 5 person is cooperative, you know, I will stand up in
- 6 front of a judge when it comes to sentencing or when
- 7 it comes to whatever, that I will stand up and say
- 8 that they've been cooperative in a murder case for
- 9 whatever way that benefits them.
- 10 But, I wouldn't recommend that somebody not
- 1 be charged for a case. I can't think of one where
- 12 I've told the district attorney, yeah, let this guy
- 13 walk on a robbery, or let this guy walk on, you know,
- 14 a sexual assault, or let this guy walk on a car
- 15 burglary or whatever charges because, you know, he's
- 16 working for me. That's not anything that
- 17 I've done. I can't think of anything that I've
- 18 worked -- think of anything where I've been around
- 19 someone who has done that.
- 20 Q Okay. And I know we talked a little bit
- 21 ago about a murder book. But while you were working
- 22 as a homicide detective did you make it a point to
- 23 review that murder book every day when you were
- 24 working on a case?

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1 A Not necessarily review it because, like I

- 2 said, you and your partner are going over there. A
- 3 murder book is in your possession, you should be
- 4 familiar with it as the lead investigator. You
- 5 shouldn't have to go back over those different things.
- 6 We do a number of things that make it
- 7 easier to review if we need to. We do a
- 8 chronological report which I noticed in my review of
- 9 ASA Nazarian's deposition when she refers to a --
- 10 is it a blue slip or a blue sheet, something
- 11 along those lines, it's part of the case file where
- 12 she indicates, and I think she said in her deposition,
- 13 she indicates things that happened at trial, in
- 14 between trial, different things that happened.
- 15 That's a chrono. That's what I'm talking about when
- 16 I say a chrono is we will list what we did, when we
- 17 did things.
- 18 And then other reports say if we
- 19 interview -- you and I go out and we interview
- 20 Mr. Ainsworth as a witness, and we write up a
- 21 statement for Mr. Ainsworth. In the chrono we put
- 22 that you and I on this date and this time, when we
- 23 interviewed Mr. Ainsworth, see Section 14 for the
- 24 statement, and then we would put the statement form

- Page 176 Q When you were working as a homicide
- 2 detective, did you always work with your partner on
- 3 the same shift or were there times in which you
- 4 would be working a case by yourself?
- A Well, again, you can do things by yourself
- 6 when he's on a day off. Or I've had cases where
- he's had a prior case with a different partner and
- 8 he's going to be in court, and I may do something on
- 9 a case. But again, that's chrono'd, and when my
- 10 partner gets back, I update him on what we did, show
- 11 him whatever reports that we have.

12 It's an exchange on a daily basis with

- 13 your partner as to where the case stands. If your
- 14 partner goes on vacation, when he comes back, you go
- 15 over everything that's happened on the case.
- 16 Those cases, as I said, if your partner is
- 17 on vacation, and I may catch a call with another
- 18 detective, one of the first things that we would do
- 19 is when your partner comes back brief him on what
- 20 happened with the case, but we would do the briefing
- 21 at the crime location.
- We would go back to where the murder
- 23 occurred so that he had a three dimensional feel for
 - the location where the crime occurred. He can tell,

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- 2 But I'm not going to review the reports
- 3 every day, but it is a repository for all my notes,
- 4 all my reports as they come in. Chronos, we'll have
- 5 a copy of the death report, we'll have a copy of the
- 6 crime report, we'll have a copy of the property
- 7 report, we'll have a copy if there's an arrest
- 8 report. If there are prior arrest reports, we'll
- 9 have copies of our notes from the coroners. We'll
- 10 have copies as soon as we can get them of the
- 11 photographs, crime scene photos.
- We have officers -- when you're at the
- 13 scene, one of the things we do is we'll have the
- 14 uniformed officers relate everything that they did and
- 15 everything that they touched at the crime scene.
- 16 We'll have those in there.
- 17 The FIs that are talked about, all that
- 18 stuff is in our murder book. And we have access to
- 19 that every moment of every day while we're
- 20 conducting our investigation.
- 21 So, I mean it's -- it doesn't take a daily
- 22 review, but if there was something that we would
- 23 need to look at, it's right there handy for us to
- 24 look at.

- Page 177 1 you know, the distances between different things,
- 2 and if he has a question about where was this
- 3 evidence found, I can show him so he gets a
- 4 perspective on all that.
- 5 There's a constant communication between
- 6 you and your partner with regards to what's going on
- 7 with your case.
- 8 Q And when you would conduct certain tasks
- 9 alone and then you would come and update your
- 10 partner as to what you did and what was the outcome
- 11 of that, that would typically happen in a
- 12 conversation, is that right?
- 13 A The update would happen in a conversation.
- 14 And again, if need be I'd show him the statement
- 15 that we took if there is any statement. And also
- 16 again, because I'm recording all my interviews,
- 17 sometimes my partner would sit down with the
- 18 interview and listen to the recorded interview to
- 19 see if there's something that the witness said that
- 20 I missed because I was taking down notes, or that I
- 21 forgot to ask, that we can come back later and
- 22 maybe, as you said before, going back to interview a
- 23 witness maybe a second time, something that we can
- 24 do a follow-up on in that way.

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- But, again that's the benefit of recording.
- 2 But it's -- it's not just an oral review. There's --
- 3 everything that's in the murder book, and like I said,
- 4 live location if we can, if there's something that
- 5 I've gone into the field to do, we may go by that spot
- 6 again so that he has an idea of what I did and what
- 7 that looks like.
- 8 Q Were there ever instances in which you
- 9 learned about updates in a case through your partner
- 10 or your supervisor that weren't necessarily
- 11 reflected in the murder book yet?
- 12 A Yeah. I've come back the next day and my
- 13 partner has done an interview and scratched out
- 14 notes but hasn't typed up like a formal statement
- 15 for that person. And what I mean by a formal
- 16 statement is I would often times do when I do an
- 17 interview on tape, I would take notes as I'm going
- 18 and I'll have the taped interview. But, to make the
- 19 statement itself more readable because as I am want to
- 20 do and as we've done here today, jumping back and
- 21 forth in time frames, something is more readable if
- 22 you can read about it in a chronological order.
- 23 So, I will write up a statement form and
- 24 one of the first things that I say is, "This is a
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- 1 summary of the statement." It's not necessarily a
- 2 transcription of that statement. And then I will
- 3 try and write that -- the statement of the witness
- 4 in a chronological order.
- 5 So, you may -- if you're listening to the
- 6 tape, you may see something written in the beginning
- 7 of the statement and you don't hear it on the tape,
- 8 and it's because somebody had related that information
- 9 to me in the last two minutes of the interview but I
- 10 put it in the beginning because that's where
- 11 chronologically it appears.
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- 12 And I've had that before where you come in
- 13 and my partner interviewed somebody later in the
- 14 afternoon on a day off and hasn't written up the
- 15 statement form, but he's got his notes, so he'll
- 16 show me his notes, he'll tell me what happened, and
- 17 then I can listen to the tape. Or when he's done
- 18 with the statement I can read the statement.
- 19 There's always a catch-up period. I mean
- 20 it's never -- nothing is perfect in our world. You
- 21 know, we adapt with what we can do.
- 22 Q Now, this chronological order that you
- 23 kept the murder book in, was this a requirement set
- 24 by either your supervisor or by policy within the

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- 1 LAPD, or was this how you chose to maintain the
- 2 book?
- 3 A The chrono, it's a chronological record,
- 1 is a singular separate department form that is
- 5 usually -- well, that form is used for a homicide.
- 6 There is a shorter form that's used for all other
- 7 investigations. It used to be called a 144 and it
- 8 was literally a half sheet of paper in a three ring
- 9 binder that would go between -- between two of the
- 10 rings.
- 11 The homicide form, it's double sided and
- 12 it is -- literally there is a box that has the date,
- 13 a box that has the time, and then a huge narrative
- 14 box in which you write out everything that you've
- 15 done. Again, not a detailed description, you
- 16 wouldn't put a full statement in there, but you
- 17 would put when and where you took the statement, who
- 18 you took the statement from, and where the person
- 19 who's reading the chrono can find that statement
- 20 within the murder book.
- 21 It both helps you and if a case goes
- 22 unsolved and is put on a shelf, and a cold case
- 23 detective four or five or ten years down the road
- 24 needs to review a case, he can pull out and read all
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- 1 the reports and read the chrono and have an idea of
- 2 what happened in what particular order. It is a
- 3 requirement for the murder book.
- 4 Q Okay. Are you aware if any other police
- 5 departments across the country requires this type --
- 6 chrono type form for a homicide case?
- 7 A I don't know if there's a requirement. I
- 8 know other departments do similar forms, but I don't
- 9 know about what requirements are for any other
- 10 departments.
- 11 It would be -- in a homicide assessment
- 2 it would be a recommendation. It would be something
- 13 if I were to talk to a department or provide
- 14 training to a department, I would say it's -- it's
- 15 one of the best things that you can do for keeping
- 16 your investigation organized.
- 17 Q And you're not aware of whether or not
- 18 this chrono form was required for the Chicago Police
- 19 Department with regard to its homicide cases in
- 20 2003, right?
- 21 A Yes, I'm aware of no requirement that that
- 22 be done.
- 23 Q Did you have occasion to work alongside
- 24 prosecutors or assistant district attorneys?

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1 A Yes, yes, constantly.

Q Did you have prosecutors take part in

3 interviewing suspects or witnesses with you?

4 A We would have them -- they might be in a

5 room while I'm doing an interview, but the

6 prosecutors themselves would not be doing the

7 interview. They merely monitor.

8 Our system as it stands, the DA's office

9 does not want them to actually be a witness where

10 they would have to be called to the witness stand,

11 so they will monitor some interviews, whether it be

12 just listening from another room, sometimes in the

13 room. But they don't partake of the interview

14 themselves.

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15 Q Okay. If I understand correctly, your

16 understanding of that is due to the I believe it's

17 LA County DA's Office not wanting them to become a

18 witness, right?

19 A Yes. During my time on the job, that was

20 part of it. They didn't want them being active in

21 the investigation in that way.

22 They may ask us to perform certain tasks

23 within the investigation, to go back out, you know,

24 can you go out and talk to this guy, can you try and

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And you would go in and you would register

2 and say, you know, I have a case to be filed, general

3 cases. And these could be homicide cases, they could

4 be robberies, they could be sexual assault cases, but

5 we would go in and you would sit and wait and then

6 they would tell you this ADA is waiting, and you would

7 go back down.

8 And it was literally an aisle, a row, and

9 they each had individual offices and you would go

10 in, and we presented cases where we thought we had

11 more than enough to file and they rejected and we've

12 appealed and/or disagreed depending on the case with

3 the original ADA, and we'd have to go back out and

14 re-investigate cases. It's not uncommon.

15 Q Had an ADA ever rejected charging a

16 suspect when you obtained a confession from that

17 suspect?

18 A I do not recall a case where we had a

19 confession and the ADA rejected it.

20 Q You previously mentioned that you had

21 obtained about fifteen to twenty confessions in your

22 career. Of those fifteen to twenty confessions, did

23 any of those cases involve little or no physical

24 evidence?

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1 find this guy, and that's more than acceptable.

2 But, we've never had them where they

3 conducted the interview while we're there because it

4 makes them a witness, and the DA's Office -- my

5 understanding of their policy they did not want DAs

6 being called as witnesses during court cases.

7 Q So, in your experience you had never

8 observed an ADA taking a statement from a witness,

9 correct?

10 A No.

11 Q Okay. In your experience had an ADA ever

12 reviewed your case -- and I'm going to speak very

13 generally, so correct me if there's certain

14 terminology that you all use with regard to this,

15 but had an ADA ever reviewed your case and decided

16 that they were not going to charge the suspect with

17 a crime because there was insufficient evidence?

18 A Yes, yeah, on numerous occasions. Our

19 district attorney's office, especially for

20 divisional detectives, they had what we referred to

21 as The Row. And the only reason it was designated

22 that, they had a team of I think it was maybe five

23 to six, maybe as many as eight on a rotating basis,

24 filing DA's.

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A No. As I recall anything where we had a

confession, we had corroborative physical evidence.

Q And when you say corroborative physical

4 evidence, you're referring to either DNA,

5 fingerprints, ballistics, that type --

A Something that would physically tie --

7 physically put our suspect at the crime. We had the

8 three hour interview that I was talking about

9 before, we had a suspect who had gotten into a gun

10 fight with two of our patrol officers in Harbor

11 Division which is at the far southern end of Los

12 Angeles.

13 And that confession we were able to get

14 because we had found -- months later we had located

15 his vehicle and was able to obtain two projectiles

16 from the officer's gun that had gone into his car,

17 into the door and were still inside the door, we

18 recovered those.

19 And then we were also able to -- his

20 ex-girlfriend, she actually wore a wire in to talk

to him where he made certain admissions to her. So,

22 when we went in, we allowed him to talk and tell his

3 story, and we confronted him with both the physical

4 evidence, and then he obviously knew because it was

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1 the same day that she had gotten the interview, but

- 2 we had confronted him with the tape that he made
- 3 making admissions, and he confessed on that.
- 4 But, yes, every one that I can think of we
- 5 had, like I said, corroborative physical evidence that
- 6 tied the suspect to the crime.
- 7 Q Okay. You mentioned that you have
- 8 interrogated suspects. Can you give me an approximate
- 9 number of interrogations that you've conducted in your
- 10 career?
- 11 A In my entire career I would say hundreds
- 12 because, you know, you made arrests in patrol where
- 13 we'll sit down and talk to a suspect either in the
- 14 field or in an interview room at the station, you
- 15 know, conducting an interview, Mirandize, see if you
- 16 can get a statement. So, I mean literally hundreds.
- 17 Q Have you interviewed a suspect who
- 18 appeared to be of lower intelligence?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q Okay. And have you interviewed a suspect
- 21 who appeared to be of higher intelligence?
- 22 A I mean, yeah, I don't know what their, you
- 23 know, particular IQ was, but they were articulate
- 24 and thoughtful in responses.

- Q On those occasions during which you
- 2 interviewed a seventeen year old witness or victim,
- 3 did you first endeavor to speak with a parent or
- 4 guardian?
- 5 A Well, witnesses, if they're there at the
- 6 time, we would do those in the field, we wouldn't
- 7 take them to the station.
- 8 If you locate a witness, especially if
- 9 you're working patrol, you're going to do that while
- 10 you're there, you're going to take your witness
- 11 statements while you're there. You're not going to
- 12 transport anybody -- I mean you transport a suspect,
- 13 but then we have procedures and protocols where they
- 14 have to be allowed to make a certain number of phone
- 15 calls within a time period to let their parents or
- 16 guardians know where they are.
- 17 But witnesses we would interview in the
- 18 field. Victims we would interview in the field
- 19 unless, of course, they were being transported,
- 20 they're victims of violent crimes and are being
- 21 transported by ambulance in which case we would send
- 22 maybe a uniformed officer with them to the hospital
- 23 to see if we can get a statement from them before,
- 24 you know, they're treated or along those lines.

- Q Had you ever encountered suspects while you
- 2 were interviewing them who appeared to be
- 3 manipulative?
- 4 MR. AINSWORTH: Object to the form of the
- 5 question. Go ahead and answer.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 7 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) And had you ever
- 8 interrogated a seventeen year old or eighteen year
- 9 old suspect?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q Have you ever interviewed a seventeen year
- 12 old witness?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q Has that been on one occasion or more than
- 15 one occasion?
- 16 A More than one occasion. I mean working
- 17 patrol, working detective a lot of times, especially
- 18 through the nineties, a lot of our crimes were, you
- 19 know, mid to late teens victims, witnesses, and
- 20 suspects.
- 21 Q You said multiple times, you said witnesses
- 22 and suspects, is that correct?
- 23 A Yes, witnesses, victims, and suspects, you
- 24 know, of all ages.

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- 1 Q Do you know if ever during your career
- 2 while working as a homicide detective, you were
- 3 required to contact a parent or guardian before
- 4 speaking with a seventeen year old witness?
- 5 A Well, yes. We've had occasion where we've
- 6 located or we've determined that someone is a
- 7 witness. And I think in the mid 2000s policy
- 8 changed with regards -- and I can't tell you the
- 9 exact policy, but policy changed with regards to --
- 10 mid or early 2000s with regards to interviewing
- 11 juveniles which here is anyone under eighteen years
- 12 of age where you would have to notify a parent or13 guardian.
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- 14 And we've even had changes where if you
- 15 would go to their high school that the high school
- 16 would notify their parents who could disallow them
- 17 from having to be interviewed.
- We've gone to juvenile hall which is, you
- 19 know, juvenile custody, and they would have juvenile
- 20 I guess custody officers that would come in and
- 21 against our wishes that would actually read our
- 22 suspects their rights before we would interview them
- 23 even if they were a witness on some other case which
- 24 could undermine because they're a witness on the

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1 case, but it causes them to invoke.

- 2 Yeah, going back, like I said into the
- 3 2000s, we were almost always required to -- unless
- 4 it was like at a scene working patrol for
- 5 detectives, if we were going to talk to a witness --
- 6 if we were going to transport them somewhere, we
- 7 would contact their parents.
- 8 Q I know you just stated that where you are
- 9 in California an individual is considered a
- 10 juvenile if they're under the age of eighteen. Do
- 11 you know if in Illinois an individual is considered
- 12 a juvenile under eighteen in 2003?
- 13 A I know there is some issue within this
- 14 case as to between seventeen and eighteen as to what
- 15 the age is, but I don't know if that's for purposes 16 of charging them or arresting them as an adult, or
- 17 treating them with regards to any other faction as
- 18 being an adult, whether they're considered a
- 19 juvenile or an adult under seventeen or at
- 20 seventeen, between seventeen and eighteen.
- 21 Q Are you aware if in 2003 there was any 22 Illinois law that prohibited a police officer from
- talking to a seventeen year old individual before
- 24 contacting their parent or guardian?

1 me.

2 If you had encountered a witness on the

street and it was 2:00 o'clock in the morning and

that witness was eighteen, would you still find it

peculiar to not contact their parent or guardian?

A No. And again it seems like a line in the

sand kind of thing, but they are an adult. And if

they agree to go to the station, that's a different

circumstance from somebody who is seventeen years

10 old.

11 I'm not talking about a maturity level or

12 an intelligence level. What I'm talking about is

again within the legal realm. Somebody who is

seventeen years old I don't necessarily consider an

adult. And while it's allowed, I don't know if it

was seventeen if I would do it without notifying a

17 parent or guardian just so they had an idea of where

18 that person was.

19 Q If that seventeen year old was living on

their own or bouncing from home to home, would you

still feel it to be an obligation to contact a

22 parent or guardian?

23 A Now you're asking me to make a

24 determination, how am I finding out that they're

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A I'm not aware of a law preventing or

allowing or whatever requirement may have been made

with regards to an officer, you know, transporting.

4 I do know that I would consider it

peculiar, depending on the time frame involved. I

mean if I'm interviewing somebody at 9:00 o'clock in

7 the morning and ask them to come to the station. It

is different from finding somebody at 2:00 o'clock

in the morning and asking them to come to the

10 station.

11 I mean there's context to the request that

12 I would consider before just, like I said, taking

13 somebody to the station as opposed to -- and again,

14 this would be different from if I ran into a suspect

15 -- not a suspect, but a witness, someone who is

16 seventeen years old at 2:00 o'clock in the morning,

just contacting him and conducting the interview

18 where I am.

19 I don't understand -- it strikes me as

20 having to transport them, if you can have them

21 seated in your car and do the same interview why you

22 wouldn't do that, why you would transport them at

23 2:00 o'clock in the morning without notifying a

24 parent. It just -- the context of it is alien to

bouncing from home to home, or that they're living on their own. That's something I'm going to have to

ask them and I would have to verify it. And the way

to verify that is to find out who that guardian or

responsible person for them is and contacting them.

So, I mean it's kind of a circular

argument. You know, I can't just look at somebody

and say that person is living on their own or this

person is bouncing from couch to couch. I would

have to find out from that seventeen year old. And

there's no way for me to know in the field without

contacting a guardian or a relative that they are

telling me the truth, if they're saying that they're

on their own, that they're doing either -- any of

15 those things, bouncing from couch to couch or living 16 on their own or whatever.

Q If you as a detective -- same scenario.

18 If you as a detective had reason to believe that

that person, that seventeen year old, may have aided

in committing a crime, would you still endeavor to

21 contact their parent or guardian first?

22 A I don't know if I would contact them

first, if you're saying now I'm suspecting them of

having committed a crime, if I'm doing a detention,

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- 1 I may detain them, transport them to the station.
- 2 But, then I would try and -- the same
- 3 thing, I would try from the station -- there would
- 4 be to me a sense of immediacy to try and find out
- 5 who can we call to let them know where you are so
- 6 that we don't generate -- as I said in my report as
- 7 an example, so that we don't generate a kidnapping
- 8 call because even though this person says I'm living
- 9 on my own or I'm eighteen years old that somebody is
- 10 not going to make a call and say that, you know, my
- 11 son, my daughter, my nephew has been kidnapped, he
- 12 was supposed to be home by 10:00 o'clock and we
- 13 can't find him. It's just good procedure to make sure
- 14 that you got all your bases covered.
- 15 Q Has that ever occurred to you as a
- 16 detective or as a patrol officer in which you
- 17 brought a witness or suspect in to question them
- 18 and, you know, someone alleged and called the police
- 19 and said that their child is kidnapped?
- 20 A Have I had it happen?
- 21 Q Correct.
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q And what were the circumstances surrounding
- 24 that incident?

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- MR. AINSWORTH: I just want to make clear
- 2 that, you know, we're coming up on four hours
- 3 of deposition time, and I just want to make
- 4 sure that all the defendants know that the
- 5 seven hours is for all the defendants and that
- 6 guys are splitting that time, so there is no
 - issue later on. Is that correct?
 - MS. ADEEYO: That's my understanding.
- 9 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) All right. Mr. Bub, let's
- 10 turn to what I've marked as Exhibit 3 which is your
- 11 expert report, and I'll put it here on the screen as
- 12 well.
 - A And I also have my copy here just in case
- 14 --

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- 15 Q Oh, okay, perfect. That kind of makes
- 16 things easier then.
- 17 A Yeah.
- 18 Q So, at the top here it says Case Review
- 19 And Analysis, and it's dated February 28th, 2023.
- 20 It says to Russell Ainsworth and Julia Rickert at
- 21 Loevy & Loevy. And from you, Robert Bub. Subject,
- 22 John Fulton v. City of Chicago, et al. And it has
- 23 the case number.
- 24 I'm going to just read out the purpose

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- A It was -- well, it was actually back when
- 2 I was working vice, we had effected an arrest, and
- 3 as we were driving back to the station, a radio call
- 4 generated that a kidnap just occurred and we
- 5 recognized the description of ourselves as the
- 6 suspects, and we had to get -- and we got on the
- 7 radio and cancelled, that it was a vice unit making
- 8 an arrest. So, it happens.
- 9 Q And was the arrestee under age?
- 10 A I don't recall.
- 11 Q And were you in plain clothes at that time
- 12 or were you in uniform?
- 13 A Plain clothes.
- 14 Q And was the person who had made that 911
- 15 call to report the kidnapping, was that the parent
- 16 or guardian of that arrestee?
- 17 A A citizen.
- 18 MS. ADEEYO: Everyone, do you mind if we
- 19 take just like a ten or fifteen minute break?
- 20 MR. AINSWORTH: Sure.
- 21 (At this time, a short break was
- 22 taken off the record.)
- 23 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) We're ready to go back on
- 24 the record.

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- 1 here on Page 1. "This review was conducted at the
- 2 request of Russell Ainsworth of Loevy & Loevy
- 3 regarding a lawsuit, John Fulton v. City of Chicago,
- 4 et al, Case Number 20-CV-03118. The review is to
- 5 analyze the investigation leading to the arrest and
- 6 trial of John Fulton with an emphasis on the
- 7 investigative process and procedures. Specifically,
- 8 the quality and content of the investigation as it
- 9 led to the arrest and conviction of John Fulton."
- 10 Mr. Bub, a question for you, were you
- 11 asked to evaluate any part of the arrest and
- 12 interviews of Anthony Mitchell as well as part of
- 13 this report?
- 14 A Yes, Mitchell and Shaw as the complete
- 15 investigation, the complete case.
- 16 Q Okay. Is there any reason in particular
- 17 why you didn't include Mitchell's case and case
- 18 number?
- 19 A To be honest, I thought it was all under
- 20 one single case number.
- 21 Q Okay. So, it was an invert?
- 22 A Yeah.

- Q Understood. Okay. I'm going to jump down
- 24 to "Methodology." It appears here is where you

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- 1 listed the materials that you reviewed to draft your
- 2 report, is that correct?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q Okay. So, just looking at this section
- 5 for depositions, you don't have listed here that you
- 6 reviewed the deposition of Antonio Shaw, is that
- 7 correct?
- 8 A That's correct.
- 9 Q And you don't have listed here that you
- 10 reviewed the deposition of Marcus Marinelli, is that
- 11 right?
- 12 A That's correct, I'm not -- I'm not sure if
- 13 Mr. Marinelli was deposed. I did ask for and
- 14 reviewed his grand jury testimony.
- 15 Q And you didn't review the deposition of
- 16 Johnnitta Griffin, is that right?
- 17 A That's correct.
- 18 Q You also didn't review the deposition of
- 19 Marisol Caldero?
- 20 A That's correct.
- 21 Q You didn't review the deposition of
- 22 Joseph Aguirre?
- 23 A That's correct.
- 24 Q You didn't review the deposition of

Page 200 Q Did you review the deposition of Yolanda

- 1 Q Did you review the deposition of Y
- 2 Henderson?
- 3 A No.
- 4 Q Did you review the deposition of Assistant
- 5 State's Attorney Nicholas D'Angelo?
- 6 A No.
- 7 Q Did you review the deposition of Assistant
- 8 State's Attorney Varga?
- 9 A No.
 - Q Did you review an affidavit from Johnnitta
- 11 Griffin written by Edward Bunch dated May 13th,
- 12 2003?

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- A That does not sound familiar, no.
- 14 Q Everything that you reviewed that's listed
- 15 here, that was provided to you by Mr. Ainsworth, is
- 16 that correct?
- 17 A That's correct.
- 18 Q Was there anything that you wanted to
- 19 review that you hadn't received?
- 20 A No. Everything I asked for when something
- 21 like raised an issue with me that I asked about, I
- 22 asked for and I was given.
- 23 Q I'll scroll down the page -- but, first
- 24 let me ask you, did you formulate any opinions as to

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- 1 Elliot Zinger?
- 2 A That's correct. I'm not -- the name is
- 3 not familiar to me.
- 4 Q So, as you sit here today, you can't
- 5 recall who Elliot Zinger is or his role in the --
- 6 A I'm sorry, was he one of the original
- 7 defense attorneys?
- 8 Q Yes. I will represent to you that it's my
- 9 understanding he was John Fulton's criminal defense
- 10 attorney.
- 11 A Yes, I did not -- I thought there was some
- 12 trial testimony maybe, but I don't recall deposition
- 13 testimony of Mr. Zinger.
- 14 Q And when you say trial testimony of
- 15 Mr. Zinger, are you referring to the examinations
- 16 he gave at Fulton's trial?
- 17 A Yeah, that's probably -- I'm sorry, there
- 18 are literally -- and I'm not trying to make excuses,
- 19 but thousands of pages of depositions and reports
- 20 and all the rest that I tried to catch up on with
- 21 regards to the investigation. So, I mean I read a
- 22 lot of stuff and took notes on a lot of stuff that
- 23 I'm not sure -- I know I've seen his name go through
- 24 a number of times.

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- 1 whether or not Mr. Fulton was wrongly convicted as a
- 2 result of the Collazo murder investigation?
- 3 A I think toward the end of one section I
- 4 indicate, and I don't know if I phrased it badly, I
- 5 indicate that based on the information that I'd
- 6 gotten that I'm not -- what I'm trying to express is
- 7 that based on the information that they had, the
- 8 corroborative information that they had and the
- 9 contradictory information, I don't believe I would
- 10 have even requested charges being filed with regards
- 11 to this case. I don't see how it got as far as it
- 12 did.
- 13 Q So, are you saying that you're not making
- 14 an opinion that Mr. Fulton was wrongly convicted, or
- 15 are you saying that you are?
- MR. AINSWORTH: Object to the form of the question.
- 18 THE WITNESS: What I'm saying is I'm not
- sure how he was convicted. I'm not trying
 to -- I'm trying to find the sentence as I
- 21 wrote it.

- What I'm trying to say is I looked at this
- 23 case as an investigator working it from the
 - beginning, and I can't tell you if he was

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- 1 guilty or not guilty. What I can tell you is
- 2 from the investigation that I reviewed, I don't
- 3 think that I would take this to trial and try
- 4 and convict someone.
- 5 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) So, did you form any
- 6 opinions regarding whether or not Anthony Mitchell
- 7 was wrongfully convicted?
- 8 A Pretty much the same answer. Again there
- 9 was no physical evidence that I could see based on
- 10 the investigation that I reviewed that would tell me
- 11 based on again this investigation that I would
- 12 proceed to trial with this. I can't tell you whether
- 13 he's guilty or not guilty. I can just say that the
- 14 information that I have here, I would not have
- 15 pressed forward with any kind of a prosecution with
- 16 this.

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- 17 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) Okay. And are you saying
- 18 that you're not forming an opinion as to his guilt
- 19 because it would be inappropriate for you to make
- 20 such an opinion?
- 21 A Based on this investigation, I can't tell
- 22 you that I would press forward with a prosecution.
- 23 I can't say that this investigation shows that he
- 24 was guilty of murder.

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- 1 and say did you establish enough to prove someone
- 2 guilty based on what you have.
- 3 And based on what is in this investigation,
- 4 this isn't enough for me to take this to court and
- 5 attempt to try and win a court case.
- 6 Q No, and I understand that as a detective
- 7 that's not typically what you're ascertained to do,
- 8 but I'm asking you did you find any affirmative
- 9 evidence based on what you reviewed that could prove
- 10 Fulton's or Mitchell's innocence?
- 11 MR. AINSWORTH: Object to the form of the
- 12 question. Go ahead.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Again I don't prove people
- 14 innocent. That's not something that I do. I
- 15 don't know how you prove somebody innocent
 - short of saying that he was under police
- 17 scrutiny for something else or he was in prison
 - at the time. But, based on this, you can't
- 19 prove innocence.

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- 20 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) Well, I don't think you're
- 21 answering my question, but let me ask you this.
- 22 After having reviewed the evidence in this case, are
- 23 you coming to any conclusion that Fulton or Mitchell
 - 4 are innocent of the crimes for which they were

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- Now, some further investigation somewhere
- 2 else, if there's other information that would come
- 3 forward that would place him at the scene, other
- 4 information that would come forward, physical
- corroboration information, I haven't seen it.
 L can't say that I would consider him -
- I can't say that I would consider him based on this information that I would consider him
- O having dans it at least under the theory that
- 8 having done it, at least under the theory that's
- 9 provided here.
- 10 Q Okay. Can you point to any affirmative
- 11 evidence that would prove Fulton's or Mitchell's
- 12 innocence?
- 13 A Well, ma'am, I'm not in the business of
- 14 proving someone's innocence. The job of a
- 15 detective, a homicide detective is to prove
- 16 someone's guilt. And there is nothing in this
- 17 report that shows a physical connection between John
- 18 Fulton, Anthony Mitchell, and Antonio Shaw as having
- To Tallon, Anthony Millonell, and Antonio Onaw as having
- 19 been at the location or having inflicted any of the
- 20 injuries that were sustained by Mr. Collazo.
- 21 Now, if there is some other physical
- 22 evidence out there that would prove that, I would
- 23 need to see it. But I don't prove somebody's
- 24 innocence. What I do is I look at the investigation

1 convicted?

- 2 A I am coming to the conclusion that based
- 3 on how this case unfolded and the investigation that
- 4 was done is that I would not take this case to trial
- 5 because there is no physical evidence that puts them
- 6 committing any crime at any time, that puts them at
- 7 the eventual dump site, that puts them at the
- 8 alleged abduction site, that puts them in any
- 9 location in proximity to Mr. Collazo on the night of
- 10 March 9th into the 10th.
- 11 Q Right. I understand your opinion. I just
- 12 want to understand if you're making an innocence
- 13 determination as part of your opinions in this case.
- 14 Is that a no?

- A It's not my job to make an innocence
- 16 determination. That's beyond the scope of what I'm
- 17 able to do.
- 18 Q Did you formulate any opinions about
- 19 whether or not Johnnitta Griffin gave a credible
- 20 statement?
- 21 MR. AINSWORTH: Object to the form of the 22 question. You cam answer.
- question. You cam answer.THE WITNESS: At which point?
- 24 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) I'm referring to her

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- 1 handwritten statement.
- 2 A Are you talking about --
- 3 Q I'm sorry, what?
- 4 A You're talking about the statement that
- was taken by I believe it was DA Rubinstein?
- 6 Q That's correct, ASA Rubinstein. Did you
- 7 form any opinions --
- 8 A As to the credibility? Based on -- it
- 9 would depend on the time frame that you're looking
- 10 at. With no further investigation, there's no
- 11 question -- there's no way to assess her credibility
- 12 in the handwritten statement. What I'm saying is
- 13 that as the investigation proceeded, the development
- 14 of the phone records or the absence of phone
- 15 records, the absence of them looking on Mr. Fulton's
- 16 phone, the logic behind -- as they looked at it, the
- 17 logic of where she actually was when she supposedly
- 18 was making phone calls being at her friend's house
- 19 or on the bus enroute to Caldero's house. All those
- 20 -- there are logic questions that pose problems that
- 21 through the investigation would later lend me to think
- 22 or would later direct me to think that there were
- 23 issues with her handwritten -- with the handwritten
- 24 statement.

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- 1 formulating any opinions about whether the
- 2 information that he gave to the detectives was
- 3 credible information?
- 4 A Well, the information that he gave to the
- detectives, what I reviewed from the notes from his
- initial interview and from his grand jury testimony, 6
- the information that he gave did not seem outside 7
- credibility. There weren't any major contradictions.
- 9 But he was not a direct witness to the case.
- 10 His only information was based on what had happened -- he was the last person purportedly to
- 12 have seen Mr. Collazo alive aside from whoever
- killed him. So, you're talking about the
- 14 information that he gave. There's no reason to
- 15 doubt the information. Nothing came up to make you
- question what he had told the detectives in his
- original interview and in his grand jury testimony. 17
- 18 Q As part of your drafting of this expert
- report, did you interview John Fulton? 19
- 20 A No, ma'am.
 - Did you interview Anthony Mitchell?
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- 23 Q Did you interview Antonio Shaw?
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- Q Did you determine as part of forming your
- 2 opinions in this case that Johnnitta Griffin's
- 3 handwritten statement was truthful?
- A During the time that I reviewed it or at 4
- the time she gave it?
- 6 Q Well, okay, first help me understand what
- 7 distinction you're making.
- 8 A I'm making the distinction -- again I am
- 9 reviewing this case as a detective, walking through
- 10 from the crime scene, for the detectives here what
- 11 should have gone beyond March 22nd but did not. I'm
- 12 saying on the night that she gave those statements,
- 13 there were issues that could have been addressed.
- 14 But whether they were outside of credibility,
- 15 without further investigation there's no way to
- 16 determine.
- 17 But as the investigation progressed,
- 18 there were issues based on the actual physical
- 19 evidence and the logic behind the story that would
- 20 make me go back and say that there are -- well, that
- 21 develop issues with regards to her statement as to
- 22 how much of it actually occurred and how much did
- 23 not occur.
- 24 Q For the witness, Marcus Marinelli, are you

- Did you perform a scene visit at 5228
- South Peoria Street?
- 3 A No, ma'am, I did not.
- 4 Did you perform a scene visit at 2607 West
- Foster Avenue?
- 6 A Is that the crime scene -- the alleged
- 7 abduction location, or is that Caldero's residence?
- 8 Q Caldero's residence.
 - No, I did not. I didn't do the crime
- 10 scene either so I guess either one would be.
- 11 Q Is it fair to say you didn't conduct any
- 12 type of scene visit in this case?
- 13 A That's correct.
- 14 Q Now, turning back to your report on Page
- 15 3, the synopsis section, which -- and I'm just kind of
- summarizing your summary. You basically gave a
- summary of the case based on the materials that you
- 18 reviewed, is that correct?
- 19 A That's correct.
 - Q I'm going to jump down here in your report
- 21 to Page 11 -- or is that Page 10 -- Page 10, which
- 22 starts with the heading "Investigative Analysis." Do
- 23 you see that there?
- 24 A Yes.

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- 1 Q I'm going to take you now to Page 11. I'm
- 2 going to be jumping around throughout your report
- 3 just FYI, so if you're like, wait, I can't find
- 4 where you are, just let me know, okay?
- 5 A Sure.
- 6 Q On Page 11 the first paragraph it says,
- 7 "Without knowing when and where the murder occurred,
- 8 the detective only increases the chance the case may
- 9 never be solved or a suspect will never be
- 10 prosecuted."
- 11 I'm wondering based on that statement,
- 12 what is your basis for that opinion?
- 13 A Well, my entire experience as a detective.
- 14 Just having a -- in this case a body dump might tell
- 15 you a cause of death, but knowing when and where a
- 6 murder occurred allows you to gather physical
- 17 corroborating evidence. And if you don't have any
- 18 of that, there's a very good chance that you'll
- 19 never be able to tie a suspect to a case.
- 20 You can't put the suspect at the location
- 21 where the murder occurred, when it occurred. If you
- 22 don't know either of those two things, if you cannot
- 23 tie the suspect, the victim, and the location together
- 4 at the proper time, it's very, very difficult, almost

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- 1 anybody going in and outside the apartment, things
- 2 along those lines, but then in that case we knew where
- 3 the murder occurred because we found the body and it
- 4 was inside.
- 5 Again, I've had cases where the coroner
- 6 has said, yeah, I can't pin it down more than a
- 7 twenty-four hour period.
- 8 But I don't think I've had one where they
- 9 can't tell me I have no idea what time. Like I've
- 10 had nothing where I would say as an example like
- 11 skeletal where you have no idea when that person may
- 12 have been killed.
- 13 I know I've had cases where they can't
- 14 narrow it down to what television would give you is
- 15 a fifteen minute or a thirty minute window.
- 16 Q When it comes -- well, let me ask you
- 17 this. In your career had you ever encountered a
- 18 case in which either yourself working as a detective
- 19 or when you were working as a patrolman in which
- 20 detectives or investigators weren't able to determine
- 21 specifically where the murder had occurred?
- 22 A I do not recall one. Again, I'm not an
- 23 absolutist, so I can't say it's never happened. I
 - do not recall one where we have never been able to

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- 1 impossible to pinpoint who committed a crime.
- 2 Q Have you ever worked with a case in which
- 3 the medical examiner or the coroner weren't able to
- 4 give you a time of death of the victim? I'll
- 5 restate it, my apologies.
- 6 Have you ever worked a case, Mr. Bub, a
- 7 homicide case in which a coroner or a medical
- 8 examiner cannot give you the time of death of a
- 9 victim?
- 10 A I'm trying to think back when you say ever
- 11 worked, we're talking about my career having
- 12 reviewed a number of cases, and I know that there
- 13 are cases where someone has been -- the last time
- 14 they were seen where you have somebody that's been a
- 15 long time decomp, and the best you can do is the
- 16 last time they were seen and try through various
- 17 techniques to try and pinpoint that. It may not be
- 18 through the coroner, but then it may be through-- I
- 19 had a case where someone had not been seen for -- if
- 20 I remember correctly, for four weeks. And we were
- 21 able to make a determination as to when they were
- 22 last seen and the last phone calls that were made
- 23 from their apartment, the last contact they'd had
- 24 with neighbors, the last time a neighbor heard

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 1 determine where the actual crime scene was. I'm not
- 2 saying it hasn't happened, I'm just saying I don't
- 3 recall one.
- 4 Q Okay. And that sentence that I had just
- 5 read on Page 11, the first sentence in which you
- 6 state, you know, not knowing the time or where the
- 7 murder occurred, only increases the chances the case
- 8 may never be solved or a suspect will never be
- 9 prosecuted, did you rely upon any literature or any
- 10 authoritative source to render that opinion?
- 11 A No, ma'am, just personal experience and
- 12 knowledge. I don't scour, like I said, textbooks or
- 13 anything for all my opinions. My opinions are based
- 14 on my knowledge, my expertise, and my time on the
- 15 job.

- 16 Q Okay. Now I'm going to take you to the
- 17 third paragraph on this same page. Right here
- 8 (indicating), can you see when I highlight the
- 19 sentence right here?
 - A Yes.
- 21 Q Okay, that's the sentence that I'm
- 22 reading. "Had the detectives not looked at revenge
- 23 or retribution for that robbery as a motive, it
- 24 would have been a dereliction of the detective's

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1 duty."

2 Based on that sentence, would you agree 3 that the motive evidence in this case was compelling?

4 A It was --

5 MR. AINSWORTH: Object to the form.

6 THE WITNESS: -- it was, and as I stated,

it would have been worse had they not looked at

8 it.

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9 But I don't know, compelling is kind of a 10 loaded word. As I said, had they not looked at 11 it, it would have been a dereliction of their 12 responsibility, but it was a motive. But, as 13 much of a motive -- like I said, before they 14 learned of the robbery, there could have been 15 any number of motives that could have been just

> as compelling. The information that Collazo had left trying to sell marijuana, he could have been jumped, that he was a gang member, he could have been in some other area. Any of those given a push could have been just as compelling as the robbery.

23 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) I'm going to take you to

24 Page 12 at the bottom here, this last sentence, and

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You would agree then that contradictory

statements do -- they do occur when a suspect gives

a confession?

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A They can occur, yes.

Q Would you agree that all confessions are

inherently against the suspect's interest who is

giving that confession?

8 A As a general rule, yes, a confession is

against their self-interest unless you got someone

who's trying to, you know, quote/unquote make their

conscience clean, and that they feel that their

12 self-interest is in admitting to something.

13 Q That's fair. So, on Page 13, that second paragraph, this first sentence here, "Detectives would have been better served, personally and professionally, to have recorded their interviews,

17 both of witnesses and suspects."

18 Are you aware if officers or detectives were required by law to record interviews of 19 20 witnesses and suspects in Illinois in 2003?

21 A Well, to answer your question and you'll probably say I'm not answering your question, but

just because something is not required does not mean

24 it's not a good practice, both for the detective and

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1 it goes into Page 13, "In an effective interrogation 2 it can be beneficial to allow suspects to make

3 contradictory statements against their own

4 self-interest, such as conflicting information about

5 or within their alibi."

Would you agree then that contradictory 7 statements in a suspect's confession can happen?

A They can happen, but the point to the 9 paragraph, you stopped before the next sentence 10 where I addressed that, the reason that I addressed 11 this in here is based on Breen's deposition and what

12 was seen. It seems that he allowed, I guess, Fulton

13 and -- or he provided the opportunity and at least 14 his statement that he gave Fulton and Mitchell and

15 Shaw the interviews that they did just free rein to

16 say whatever they want.

17 They didn't attempt to draw out or draw 18 attention to the contradictory statements. They let 19 those statements stand and then they never followed 20 up on the outside of the interview or the inside of 21 the interview apparently to try and make something 22 of those contradictory statements.

23 Q Okay. So, I don't know if you addressed 24 my question, so I'm going to ask it again.

1 for the case.

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2 Recording your interview prevents something

from -- like this civil case from arising where there

are questions as to what happened inside an interview,

what questions were asked, what questions may not have

been asked, what statements were given, what

7 contradictory statements were given.

8 Even when you have Mr. Fulton, Mr.

Mitchell, and Mr. Shaw later on saying that they

were fed information. Having a recording, as I said

here, the detectives would have been better served

and they wouldn't have to testify and have someone

13 question whether they did or did not say something.

When I say better served, it works for 15 both the case and for the detectives in advancing

16 the case. You don't have to say you have to believe

me because I'm telling you this. You can play a

tape and it is corroborative, independent, physical 19 evidence.

20 So, when you imply that something doesn't

have to be done unless it's required, that doesn't

necessarily mean that it's a good practice. So, it may not be required, but that does not mean that

it's a good practice and it wouldn't have benefited

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1 the detective.

Q So, I'm going to redirect you back to my
question. Are you aware if detectives were required
by law in Illinois in March of 2003 to video record

5 or audio record suspect and witness interviews?

A No. I do know that the case law was goingthrough and was signed by the governor later that

8 summer because of issues within Illinois that

9 interviews or interrogations of suspects should be

10 or must be -- shall be recorded because it was of

11 other issues having to do with just this issue.

So, it was not law at the time, but it was within four months of that, and of course, that to

14 me indicates that the department as a whole and

15 homicide detectives as a whole should have known

16 that this was something that was coming and

17 something that they would -- should be doing, that

18 it was going to become law in a very short amount of

19 time.

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20 So, it was not required at the time, but

21 again, it's a good practice, it's a good policy and

2 it would have saved a lot of time, and within months

23 it became a policy or it became a law.

Q What facts are you relying upon to

Page 220 1 via audio or video witness or suspect interviews?

2 A I'm sorry, could you repeat the question?

3 Q Sure. Can you pinpoint the date when any

4 of the detectives in this case were notified that the

5 law was going to change regarding the requirement to

6 audio or video record witness and suspect

7 interviews?

8 A Can I pinpoint a date when someone learned

9 something? No, not without them having documented

10 it themselves.

11 Q Other than common sense, are you relying

12 upon any other authoritative sources to conclude

13 that the detectives should have known that the law

14 was about to change regarding recording

15 interrogations or interviews of witnesses and

16 suspects?

17 A No, ma'am. I can presume that newspapers

18 were carrying stories having to do with that and

19 where the states were in.

20 I can presume that the detectives

21 actually -- or I shouldn't say actually, I can

22 presume the detectives read the newspapers with

23 regards to issues that are going to affect them in

24 their jobs. But I can't tell you when they would

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1 conclude the detectives should have known that this2 law in which interrogations and interviews needed to

3 be recorded was coming?4 A Well, I will say common sense. I know

5 that any like law that's going to come into effect

6 here in California, all the homicide detectives if7 it affected us, we knew about that it was going

8 through the legislature, that it would affect us,

9 that the department itself provided training or

10 notification that these things were coming up, and

11 they would establish policy so that they had

12 something in place when it was signed in to law, so

13 that there weren't various different procedures

14 going on that may cause later issues.

15 I know that homicide detectives and 16 detectives in general and police officers in

17 general, we don't exist in a bubble. We understand

18 things that are coming down, we read newspapers. We

19 understand that there are going to be things that

20 will end up affecting us and the job that we do, and

21 we're aware of them before they're signed in to law.

Q Okay. Can you pinpoint the date when anyof the detectives involved in this case were notified

24 of the change in the law regarding recording audio --

have been made aware of that change, no.

2 Q I'm going to move to another sentence in

3 that same paragraph on Page 13, the second

4 paragraph. It's contained in the middle of that

5 paragraph and it starts, "To a lesser degree

6 detectives always have the ability to write

7 statements of witnesses and suspects for them to

8 review and sign. This procedure, while less thorough,

9 at least immortalizes some of the information which

10 the interviewee provides. Unfortunately, none of

11 the detectives in this case elected to utilize that

12 practice."

13 Mr. Bub, are aware that ASA Rubinstein and

14 ASA Varga immortalized the statements of Griffin and

15 Shaw by handwriting their statements?

16 A Yes. And I'm going to -- if I may, this

17 is -- this paragraph is -- the order of the

18 sentences in here is an editing issue on my part.

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20 from, "To a lesser degree," and "This procedure,

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21 while less thorough, at least immortalizes some,"

2 those two sentences when I was doing my editing, I

23 had meant to move actually to the end of the

24 paragraph. What I was referring to under,

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- 1 "Unfortunately, none of the detectives in this case
- 2 elected to utilize that practice," was the actual
- 3 recording of the interview. It's an error in
- 4 editing on my part. Those two sentences should not
- 5 have been in the middle of the paragraph, they
- 6 should have been at the end of the paragraph. It
- 7 causes a misunderstanding as you noticed with
- 8 regards to what I was referring.
- 9 Q Okay. I appreciate that clarification.
- 10 But, just so I'm clear, you are aware that
- 11 ASA Rubinstein and Varga immortalized the statements
- 12 of Griffin and Shaw by writing them down, you're
- 13 aware of that, correct?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Okay. So, you would agree that ASA
- 16 Rubinstein and ASA Varga preserved a record at least
- 17 with regard to the statements given by Griffin and
- 18 Shaw, right?
- 19 A Well, yeah, and I emphasize at least.
- 20 They immortalized none of the interviews that they
- 21 did with Mr. Fulton and only one with Mitchell.
- 22 And again, within those -- especially the
- 23 first interview with Mr. Fulton, the interview was
- 24 not handwritten and my understanding is the

- 1 information as to -- and I may be confusing
- 2 Mr. Rubinstein with McRay Judge. But, that no
- 3 statement was taken, and afterward he tells what his
- 4 alibi information was, and it just confused me as to
- 5 why no handwritten statement was taken on that
- 6 occasion when afterward he was told -- the ASA was
- 7 told by Fulton that the statement that he gave was
 - 3 completely false.
- 9 Q Did you --
- 10 A I'm sorry, I probably talked in circles.
- 11 I don't know if you understood exactly where I was
- 12 going.
- 13 Q I definitely understood. But did you
- 14 review the memorandum written by ASA Rubinstein
- 15 regarding his conversations with John Fulton when he
- 16 interviewed him?
- 17 A You're talking about the one on
- 18 March 21st?
- 19 Q I do not have the date in front of me. I
- 20 believe it was dated in March.
- 21 A Yes. The one he did -- there was one at
- 22 the end -- Fulton was arrested on Tuesday morning,
- 23 March 18th, and there were a number of interviews, I
- 24 think a grand total of ten by my count, between when
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- 1 procedure involved with Johnnitta Griffin and with
- 2 Antonio Shaw was when he was taking the statement,
- 3 they were taking those -- they were taking the
- 4 handwritten report.
- 5 Yet, with Mr. Fulton he was interviewed on
- 6 at least the one occasion by Rubinstein, and he gave
- 7 what was supposedly an admission, a confession, and
- 8 yet that was not handwritten. Whereas, what strikes
- 9 me about it is after the handwritten, that's when
- 10 supposedly the detectives were asked to leave the
- 11 room so that the ASA can speak with the witness and
- 12 find out if there is anything going on, any
- 13 mistreatment.
- 14 And so, whereas Johnnitta Griffin, that
- 15 statement was taken and then the issue was brought
- 16 up with her afterward with the ASA, the handwritten
- 17 statement was already written. And I believe the
- 18 same with Antonio Shaw.
- 19 Yet when John Fulton does a complete --
- 20 not a complete, but he does a confession, ASA
- 21 Rubinstein did not write down -- did not take a
- 22 handwritten statement from him, especially when you
- 23 consider that afterward when Mr. Fulton tells
- 24 Rubinstein that he knows where he was and gives him

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- 1 he was arrested on the morning of March 18th and
- 2 when he was last talked to which I think was on that
- 3 Friday -- yeah, March 21st.
- 4 And this from Rubinstein, there's quite a
- 5 number of things that he put in there, and this is
- 6 two or three days after the fact, that don't actually
- 7 match up with anything that was told during any of
- 8 the interviews with regards to John Fulton or --
- 9 well, this is the statement of John Fulton --
- 10 Q I'm going to mark --
- 11 A -- just by example --
 - Q I'm going to mark --
- 13 A I'm sorry, just by example when
- 14 Mr. Rubinstein indicates that they drove up to the
- 5 location at Rockwell and -- now I'm blanking on the
- 16 other street -- the abduction location, and he said
- 17 that there was the possibility that two buses went
- 18 by. And there was nothing in any other statement
- 19 where anyone indicated that more than one bus may
- 0 have passed by, or that John Fulton got off of a
- 21 bus.

- He also indicates in this same report that
- 23 the fire -- I believe it was the fire in the alley
 - was smoldering as opposed to a burst of flame which

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- 1 did not come from any of -- any of the interviews
- 2 from John Fulton.
- 3 So, I mean there is a lot of things that
- 4 are in this that were written two and three days
- 5 afterward by Mr. Rubinstein that don't match up with
- 6 anything that was taken during those interviews.
- 7 I would say a more contemporaneous report
- 8 would have been better -- would have served them
- 9 better as he did with or as was done with Johnnitta
- 10 Griffin as you pointed out and with Antonio Shaw.
- 11 When you point out those two, those are
- 12 contemporaneous while they were in the room that
- 13 could have been signed.
- 14 That was not done with John Fulton. And
- 15 this kind of emphasizes that we're talking about
- 16 something that happened a few days later that he's
- 17 typed up that is -- has errors in factual content.
- 18 Q Well, first let me just mark as Exhibit 4,
- 19 Rubinstein's memo regarding Fulton's statement to
- 20 him which is Bates stamped SAO 2402 to 2407.
- 21 You made a point of saying that you
- 22 consider any inconsistencies between Rubinstein's
- 23 report and what other statements have been given in
- 24 this case as errors, factual errors. So, do you

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- 1 John Fulton tell him. You're just saying that there
- 2 are inconsistencies between his memorandum and other
- 3 statements, right?
- 4 A What I'm saying, it's not just
- 5 inconsistencies. When you have information that's
- 6 in here that's not reported by any other detective,
- 7 by any other statement, the two buses is the first
- 8 thing that comes to mind. There was no indication
- 9 that John Fulton ever said to any of the other
- 10 detectives that they waited, and there may have been
- 11 as many as two buses that went by.
- 12 That came out -- this is at the very end
- 13 of the investigation when Fulton had been
- 14 interviewed any number of times.
- 15 What I'm saying is without documentation
- 6 somewhere else, I don't know where that information
- 17 came from. So, it's factually incorrect because
- 18 there is no documentation that supports that.
- 19 The thing with the -- where he's talking
- 20 about, and I don't have this up in front of me, where
- 21 he's talking about the fire at 3:00 a.m., trying to
- 22 explain -- it appears to me that he's trying to
- 23 explain the length that the body may have been on
- 24 fire, and he's contradicting what I believe the

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- 1 think ASA Rubinstein was not telling the truth when
- 2 he drafted this report? Is that your testimony?
- 3 A Well, first let's go back. I didn't say
- 4 any errors. I pointed out two specific errors that
- 5 were errors included in his report that didn't come
- 6 from anywhere within the other reports. They were
- 7 placed into this, and there was nothing in any of
- 8 the other interviews that matched what Mr. Rubinstein
- 9 said in here.
- 10 I'm not saying that contradictions between
- 11 this report and what John Fulton said in any of the
- 12 other ten interviews that he did with regards to
- 13 this case that there aren't contradictions, and they
- 14 may not be errors on the part of the author.
- 15 But what I'm talking about, I'm not
- 16 saying any error. I'm saying there are errors of
- 17 inclusion. And when I say factual errors, I'm
- 18 saying those two things that I pointed out are in
- 19 this report that were never documented anywhere as
- 20 having been said in any of the interviews with John
- 21 Fulton.
- 22 Q So, just to make sure I understand what
- 23 you're saying, you're not saying that ASA Rubinstein
 - 4 wrote down factual errors based on what he heard

- 1 original Mr. Taylor, Sid Taylor said during his
- 2 trial which was his attention was drawn by a burst
- 3 of flame or a burst of fire in the alley.
- 4 And Mr. Rubinstein says in complete
- 5 contradiction to that information that it wasn't a
- 6 burst of flame as one might think. And I don't
- 7 know -- again I don't know where that came from. To
- 8 me that's a factual error in the idea that I don't
- 9 think anywhere in any of John Fulton's statements,
- 10 the notes from those, or the interviews that were
- 11 done that were not recorded or documented in any way
- 12 aside from the detectives -- I shouldn't say
- 13 documented in any way -- but the interviews that
- 14 were done, some documented and some not, that that
- 15 information, I don't know where that came from.
- 16 Q Okay. So, when you say that there are
- 17 factually incorrect pieces of information in
- 8 Rubinstein's memo, are you saying that this memo,
- 19 therefore, is not credible?
 - A No, ma'am, you're --
 - MR. AINSWORTH: Object to the form of the
- 22 question.

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- 23 THE WITNESS: -- you're assigning an
- 24 overbroad statement to me. I'm saying there

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Page 230 Page 232 1 are things within here that don't factually 1 A Well, I wasn't done answering the 2 2 question. line up. I'm saying, and this goes back to 3 3 what you originally had been talking about MR. AINSWORTH: Yeah, Natalie, he's 4 answering the question. And so if you would where I brought this up was that there were a 4 5 number of times when information and interviews 5 allow him to answer the question I would 6 6 appreciate it instead of cutting him off. were taken, but there were no notes taken, and 7 7 especially John Fulton with regards to the MS. ADEEYO: No, the witness is trying to 8 ASAs taking statements, handwritten statements 8 run the clock when he's -- and he's not being 9 9 after they had gotten purported confessions. responsive to my questions. If it's a no, it's 10 And it wasn't documented. 10 a no. 11 11 So, now it's documented, but two days He's telling me I'm misunderstanding 12 after the fact and it's documented with 12 something and then is proceeding to repeat 13 13 information that appeared in no other report, parts of his expert report which isn't 14 in no other statement, and not by a detective, 14 responsive to my question. And you made the 15 not by any of the witnesses, by no one at all, 15 point of reminding us at the start of this 16 and especially when again you look at the end 16 deposition that we're on a time crunch, and so 17 of the investigation and you're able to 17 I'm trying to get answers to my questions. 18 18 determine that there were no buses running at But if the witness continues to be 19 19 all that night along that bus route, for him to non-responsive, then I absolutely will file a 20 say that two buses may have gone past, I don't 20 motion to seek more time based on that fact. 21 know where that information comes from. 21 I'm just making that clear for the record. 22 22 It's difficult enough to believe that MR. AINSWORTH: Sure, and you can include 23 along that route those buses stopped running at 23 this portion of the transcript where you are 24 24 9:00 o'clock on that night, it's difficult mischaracterizing what he was saying, and I Page 231 Page 233 1 enough to believe that one bus went by and 1 think the witness was properly trying to 2 2 dropped off Mr. Collazo, but for them to have correct the misimpression that your question 3 3 was providing and he should be allowed to waited and seen two buses when supposedly 4 4 according to, I don't know if it's this memo or answer the question. 5 5 the one that was written after trial by ASA And so if you ask questions, then let him 6 Nazarian where she purports that the crime 6 answer the question. I only raise the issue 7 occurred somewhere between 9:00 o'clock and 7 when we spent four hours before we ever got to 8 10:30. 8 the witness's report. And so if you're going 9 9 And there are no buses that -- by to bring a motion, then we'll have a chance to 10 9:00 o'clock if I remember correctly from 10 respond. 11 looking at the bus schedule, the last bus along 11 MS. ADEEYO: I mean that is clear, that's 12 that route was parked -- was at the end of its 12 how motion briefing works. All I'm saying is I 13 route by 9:00 o'clock. 13 would appreciate it if the witness would 14 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) So, Mr. Bub, when you were 14 respond -- to give responsive answers to my 15 15 working as a supervisor of detectives in your questions. That's all I'm saying. It would 16 career, if a detective had turned in a report to you 16 make this go by much faster. 17 17 two days later, would you then disregard the THE WITNESS: Can I finish my answer to 18 information contained in that report? 18 the last question? 19 A No, ma'am, you're misunderstanding what 19 MR. AINSWORTH: Can he finish his answer? 20 I'm saying. I'm saying --20 MS. ADEEYO: Sure. 21 Q No, I'm not. And hold on, I have another 21 THE WITNESS: Okay. As I recall you asked 22 follow-up question. And I would appreciate it if 22 me if a detective gave me a report like this

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two days afterward, if I would declare it as --

I can't remember the word that you used with

23 you would just stick to answering my questions,

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regards to that, and I would say no, there's a different contextual image involved.

If the content of the report was completely different from the information that was obtained when the action took place, when the interview took place, I would have them go back and rewrite the report to make sure that it was accurate. I am not going to let an inaccurate report go through. I would not disregard it totally as your question implied because it was two days late. That wasn't the point of what I'm saying here, that it's -- it being two days late.

I'm saying that there's information within the report that comes out of -- for want of a better term -- out of whole cloth that's not substantively supported anywhere else in the investigation.

So, no, I wouldn't disregard that. I don't appreciate the characterization within the question.

Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) When it comes to the pieces of information that you've identified in this memo to be factually incorrect, are you -- strike that.

Page 236 1 there were two buses running in that. Again, Fulton

- 2 never said as far as I can tell anywhere there's no
- 3 detective that supported two buses running at the
- o detective that supported two bases fairning at the
- 4 time. So, when he's putting that in there, it's
- 5 factually incorrect, it's unsupported.

6 Q Are you saying -- to understand your

7 point, are you saying it's factually incorrect then

8 that Rubinstein's memory is that Fulton said that to

9 him? Are you saying that's factually incorrect or

10 just the piece of information itself?

11 A No. I'm saying the information itself is

12 in there. If that's his memory of what happened,

13 he's just -- he's wrong in what he remembered. And

14 no other detective again indicated anything along

15 those lines.

16 Q Okay. I'm going to go back to Exhibit 3

17 here. On Page 13 which I believe we were on, in

18 this last paragraph here before this "Issue and

19 Opinion" section, it says, "Throughout the

20 investigation, the follow-up investigation which was

21 completed seemed to focus on inculpatory facts and

22 minimized exculpatory ones. No other potential

23 motives were developed or considered."

Can you just pinpoint what exculpatory

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When it comes to pieces of information

2 contained in this memorandum that you determine to

3 be errors, are you concluding that those errors are

4 factually incorrect, and so they cannot be weighed

5 as part of the evidence in this case?

MR. AINSWORTH: Object to the form of the question. You can answer if you understand it.

8 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure exactly what

you're asking me. If you could rephrase it,

10 again I'm not understanding.

11 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) Sure. Let me give you an

12 example. So, you pointed out that in this memorandum

13 there's the mention of two buses, and you found that

14 to be factually incorrect or in error because nowhere

15 else in the case file does it state anything about two

16 buses. Am I summarizing your prior point correctly?

A Well, you're summarizing, but you're also

18 leaving out the fact that during the investigation

19 or after the investigation that there were no buses

20 running, it's factually in error. There was no

21 bus at that time based on the route schedule, and I

22 believe based on the testimony at trial from the

23 people who work from MTA.

So, I mean factually it's incorrect that

facts you're referring to here?

A When I'm saying minimized the exculpatory

3 facts, I'm talking about the original theory of the

4 crime was that he was supposed to be there I believe

5 at one point it was at 8:30 according to testimony

6 or reports that Collazo was told -- or I'm sorry,

7 that Fulton was told by Griffin to be there by 8:30.

8 And that stretched to 9:00 o'clock and then became

9 anywhere from 9:00 o'clock to 10:30, and I believe

0 that went all the way through ASA Nazarian's memo

11 after conviction.

12 What I'm saying is minimized the
13 exculpatory ones is they looked at like a hospital
14 sign-in sheet and the hospital security video, and
15 that puts Mr. Fulton somewhere between fifteen and
16 eighteen miles away, depending on what route that

7 you take to drive during the time frame when he's

18 supposed to meeting that bus, okay?

To me, that's exculpatory, but they

reformed their theory to then somehow purport allthis information. They minimized the fact that he's

22 that far away. They minimized that to try and force

23 a -- I don't want to say force a square peg into a

round hole, but to determine that all these things

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- 1 that happened during the abduction, beating, buying
- 2 of gas, transport, arson, that all this occurred
- 3 within a fifty minute period.
- 4 During the course of the investigation,
- 5 they would take that and say, okay, well, yeah,
- 6 maybe he was there but he still could have done this
- 7 during this time frame. And all of that again
- 8 purports with -- it's also the -- well, for the most
- 9 part, that's the the best example that I have. They
- 10 combined it down to that fifty minute, possibly an
- 11 hour, time frame for him to have done all these
- 12 different things.
- 13 And once they found out that he wasn't
- 14 there and he couldn't do this, they minimized that.
- 15 They said he did it all within this fifty minutes.
- 16 But they made no effort to go out and prove their
- 17 case at that point, that he could have left the
- 18 hospital, that he could have gone to pick up
- 19 Mitchell and Shaw at either one of two contradictory
- 20 locations, that they would have driven up there,
- 21 they would have according to one version of the
- 22 report, waited ten minutes for a bus to arrive --
- 23 and we also know that the buses weren't running
- 24 after that time period because Fulton would have had

- 1 minimized the exculpatory which is the time frame
- 2 involved to do all those things. They didn't do
- 3 anything with it.
- 4 Q Are you saying that the time frame
- 5 constitutes exculpatory evidence?
- 6 A The time frame when you consider it in
- 7 concert with the amount of things and driving that
- 8 they would have had to have done, that they didn't
- 9 do anything to -- and this was before they didn't
- 10 find or didn't go to the security video at the
- 11 apartment to verify the other part of John Fulton's
- 12 alibi, that they did nothing to support their own
- 13 investigation by proving that those things could
- 14 have happened in that time frame.
- So, yes, that one hour time frame when you
- 16 consider all those facts and all those things that
- 17 he would have had to have done in that one hour time
- 8 frame, that could be considered exculpatory, yes.
- 19 Q Are you aware of John Fulton having an
- 20 alibi between the hours of approximately 11:50 p.m.,
- 21 on March 9th through 3:00 a.m., on March 10th of
- 22 2003?
- 23 A Yes. His alibi is with Yolanda -- is it
- 24 Yolanda Henderson, am I getting that right -- being

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- 1 to have left somewhere around 10:30 that night long
- 2 after those buses stopped running -- that they got
- 3 up there, they committed the beating and the
- 4 kidnapping, that they went to -- depending on which
- 5 version of the story, the contradictory version,
- 6 they went to an alley, it was either a mile or a
- 7 mile and a third away, pulled him out of the trunk,
- 8 they beat him again, they put him back in the trunk,
- 9 then they drove back to within a block of the crime
- 10 scene to get gas, put gas in a gas can, possibly
- 11 even buy a gas can, then drive back east toward the
- 12 freeway to drive down to the alley on Peoria, pull
- 13 into the alley, find a cardboard box, beat him
- 14 again, put him inside the cardboard box and set him
- 15 on fire, and according to the reports take him back
- 16 and then drop off Shaw and Mitchell and get back in
- 17 time to pick up Henderson at the hospital, all the
- 18 while somehow this -- this body has been on fire
- 19 then until 3:00 in the morning when it was
- 20 discovered.
- 21 That to me is -- that's exculpatory
- 22 information that was minimized. The idea that those
- 23 things -- they didn't even try to prove that that
- 24 could have happened to support their theory. They

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 in the apartment until 8:00 o'clock the next morning
- 2 when he leaves for school.
- Q Are you aware that Yolanda Henderson said
- 4 she was asleep for a portion of that time between
- 5 11:50 p.m., on March 9th and 8:00 a.m., of March
- 6 10th?

- 7 A Yes, ma'am.
- 8 Q Is it your opinion that it's an officer's
- or detective's duty to explore all possible motives?
 - A It's an officer's -- it's a detective's
- 11 duty when working a homicide to seek the truth, to
- 12 find out who committed a crime.
- 13 If you have an issue with third party
- 14 culpability, yes, you are going to have to look at
 - 5 other motives and you may have to disprove those in
- 16 order to show that there wasn't the shoddy defense,
- 17 the "some other dude did it."
- 18 So, you're going to have to go out, and
- 19 you may have to investigate other avenues that you
- 20 know won't work, but you'll do it in order to show
- 21 that you're trying to avoid reasonable doubt for
- 22 the case that you did put together.
- Q So, just to make sure I have an answer to
- 24 my question, you believe a detective should explore

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1 all possible motives, is that right?

- 2 A Not all possible motives. I mean, you
- 3 know, you're -- if you've got some guy that comes in
- 4 and says, well, I think two Mafia hitmen from
- 5 Milwaukee came down and kidnapped him and drove him
- 6 up there and then drove him back down there and
- 7 dropped him off at 3:00 o'clock because he cheated --
- 8 because Collazo cheated him out of some dope money,
- 9 is that a possible motive? Yes. Am I going to
- 10 investigate that with anything more? Probably not
- 11 because it stretches the realm of credibility.
- 12 Like I said, had they not looked at this,
- 13 they would have been derelict. But, as the
- 14 information came in throughout the course of the
- 15 investigation that showed that it was less and less
- 16 likely, almost to the point of impossibility for
- 17 John Fulton and thus Mr. Shaw and Mr. Mitchell to
- 18 have committed this crime, they should have looked
- 19 at other motives, other potential motives and taken
- 20 the case in a different direction.
- 21 Q Okay. Would you agree that it's a
- 22 detective's discretion to determine what motives to
- 23 investigate?
- 24 A It's their discretion within a certain

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 1 require -- some people conflate that with beyond a
- 2 shadow of a doubt. If they don't believe the police,
- 3 which in this climate there's a tendency to do that,
- 4 even going back to -- you have to understand I came
- 5 through the Rodney King era in Los Angeles where we
- 6 had to prove everything beyond what other
- 7 departments -- some other departments would do
- 8 because we were mistrusted.
- And so, yeah, you're going to look at the
- 10 case you got and try and prove the facts that you
- 11 have even beyond if you have what you consider an
- 12 ironclad case.
- 13 Q I'm going to take you also on Page 13 to
- 14 that same paragraph. It starts here, "regarding
- 15 alibi witnesses, specifically with regard to Anthony
- 16 Mitchell and Antonio Shaw, were not documented." Can
- 17 you explain what alibi witnesses with regards to
 - 8 Mitchell and Shaw you're referring to?
- 19 A I believe with Antonia Shaw and Anthony
- 20 Mitchell, he had claimed that he was -- and I may be
- 21 getting them -- pardon me, if I'm getting them
- 22 switched between the two of them. I know that each
- 23 one of them had alibi witnesses, I think it was
- 4 Mitchell that said that he was in a basement playing

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- 1 amount. As I said, if it's going to be an issue of
- 2 some other dude did it, yes, you're going to have to
- 3 do that. But will you disregard every other motive
- 4 when a degree of tunnel vision is present with the
- 5 motive that you've latched onto, and the physical
- 6 evidence is not proving your case, and exculpatory
- 7 evidence is -- should be telling you that your8 theory of the case doesn't work, then, you do --
- 9 yeah, you don't just disregard other motives because
- 10 you have one motive that looks really, really good.
- 11 You also have to be able to show that the
- 12 crime occurred the way you believe it occurred.
 13 Q Is it your opinion that it's a detective's
- 13 Q Is it your opinion that it's a detective's
- 14 duty to explore all possible leads?
- 15 A As far as they can, yes. I mean there are 16 going to be leads where people are going to call in
- 17 and give you certain information that's impossible
- Tr and give you contain information that o impossible
- 18 to follow or impossible to prove, but the leads that
- 19 you follow, the ones -- if you're trying to build a20 case, the leads that will help you support your
- 21 case, yes, they should all be followed. You don't
- 22 disregard leads because you think that just a
- 23 certain amount of information is good.
- 24 Beyond a reasonable doubt can sometimes

- 1 a card game or playing pool, something along those
- 2 lines during the entire time that this case was
- 3 supposed to have been going on until early morning
- 4 hours.
- 5 And Shaw the same, I believe he had alibi
- 6 witnesses who as far as I know, I didn't see any of
- 7 the paperwork, there may be interviews out there but
- 8 I didn't see any interviews where the detectives
- 9 went out to try and establish if their alibi
- 10 information was true or not.
- 11 Q And can you pinpoint specifically what
- 12 alibi witnesses Antonio Shaw had?
- 13 A You know what, I don't have their names in
- 14 front of me and I don't recall off the top of my
- 5 head. I believe there were, but again, like I said
- 16 I read thousands of pages of -- well, not to
- 17 exaggerate, I don't know, maybe hundreds of pages,
 - 8 maybe a couple thousand pages of reports and that.
- 19 So, I mean it's difficult to -- I had three months
- 20 to go over the same information you guys have had
- 21 for about three years, so I'm trying to kind of
- 22 assimilate a whole bunch of information.
- Q To your knowledge, did Anthony Mitchellpresent an alibi defense at his criminal trial?

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- 1 A Anthony Mitchell? No. I believe if I
- 2 remember correctly from reading the trial
- 3 transcripts, his attorney, they tried -- their
- 4 feeling was that the evidence that John Fulton
- 5 couldn't have been at Rockwell and Foster -- did I
- 6 get the street that time -- that he couldn't have
- 7 been at the abduction location at the time. And if
- 8 he couldn't have been there, then there was no one
- 9 to transport Mitchell.
- 10 So, I believe his attorney convinced him
- 11 that rather than an affirmative defense, by
- 12 disproving that Fulton would be there, would
- 13 automatically disprove that Mitchell was there. I
- 14 believe -- I think I read that in the trial
- 15 transcript. I think that's the defense that they
- 16 went with.
- 17 Q Through what documents did you learn of
- 18 Mitchell's alibi?
- 19 A Honestly, ma'am, I can't point to one
- 20 thing. I know I read about him talking about at
- 21 least two people that he was playing cards with or
- 22 playing pool with in a basement at a residence, but
- 23 I cannot tell you which deposition or trial
- 24 transcript where that information came from. I'm

- Page 248 1 remember correctly. In the deposition, he said he
- 2 never did, and I think in the Motion to Suppress he
- 3 said that he opened it but he didn't look through
- 4 it.

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- Q Have you reviewed the phone records as
- 6 part of the materials you reviewed to draft this
- 7 expert report?
- 8 A Yes, for -- for certain records, I think
- 9 that's listed on the first or second page of the
- 10 things that I looked at.
- 11 Q Okay. And did you review both Johnnitta
- 12 Griffin and John Fulton's phone records?
 - A Yes. Well, Johnnitta Griffin's -- the
- 14 phone records that they obtained were from Ms. -- is
- 15 it Caldero -- no, it was from her phone when she
- 16 left her residence, but she left at about 6:00
- 17 o'clock.
- 18 There were no phone records from the
- 19 person, the woman -- I don't remember her name,
- 20 somehow Pauline pops into my head -- but, there's no
- 21 phone records from the person that she was with for
- 22 I believe she said an hour to an hour and a half,
- 23 either at trial or in deposition, before she was
 - going to Caldero's residence.

- 1 drawing a complete blank on that.
- 2 Q Taking you back to Page 13, that same
- 3 paragraph, that last sentence in that paragraph, it
- 4 states, "Most disturbingly, the ultimately
- 5 exculpatory phone records were reportedly never
- 6 viewed by the assigned detective and found outside
- 7 the security of the Chicago Police Department
- 8 custody at his private residence."
- 9 First, let me ask you, are you aware that
- 10 Detective Rolston testified at Fulton's Motion to
- 11 Suppress hearing that he did, in fact, review the
- 12 records and made notations to those records?
- A If I recall during the Motion to Suppress
- 14 hearing he said he found them, but -- he opened
- 15 them but didn't review them. And then he was
- 16 confronted with the fact that he had actually -- I
- 17 think it was bundled may have been the word, but
- 18 that there were paperclips separating the different
- 19 records and had the names of the person whose phone
- 20 number it was at the top.
- 21 I don't recall him saying that he actually
- 22 reviewed the records, either in the Motion to
- 23 Suppress hearing or in his deposition. I don't
- 24 remember him saying he reviewed the records, if I

- And that then during the interim on that,
- 2 she had taken a bus to a certain location, was
- 3 waiting for the Foster bus to go through. And I
- 4 think it was in trial she said that she was told by
- 5 a stranger that the bus was not running, and that
- 6 she had to call a cab to get the rest of the way to
- 7 Caldero's house.
- 8 So, there were no phone records for her.
- 9 My understanding is she doesn't have a cell phone to
- 10 request phone records of.
- 11 Q Okay. Are you aware that phone records
- 2 were requested from Johnnitta Griffin's residence
- 13 where she was staying at the time in March of 2003?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Okay. And did you have an opportunity to
- 16 review those specific records of her residence? I
- 7 believe the phone number was registered to her aunt,
- 18 Latrina Griffin? Does that sound familiar?
- 19 A Yes, I did. But, again in reviewing John
- 20 Fulton's phone records, there were no calls that
- 21 corresponded to him having left the hospital at any
- 22 time or being on the road at any time constantly in
- 23 contact with Johnnitta to get directions to get to
- 24 Foster and Rockwell in order to meet Collazo at any

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- 1 time during the hour to hour and a half time frame
- when he was supposed to have arrived at that
- 3 intersection.
- 4 She was not at her home, so phone records
- 5 from John Fulton calling her home would not have
- 6 connected up to her in any way, she wasn't there.
- 7 Q Are you aware that for those phone records
- 8 from Johnnitta Griffin, her residence at the time,
- 9 that there were nine telephone calls listed on March
- 10 8th of 2003, between her and John Fulton?
- 11 A Yeah, I think there were phone calls
- 12 between the two of them on the 8th, yes.
- 13 Q I'm going to then move to what I'll say is
- your first issued opinion. I noted through your
- 15 report that I think there were four or five.
- 16 So, this first one here is contained on
- 17 Page 13, but I'm going to specifically move to Page
- 18 14, the fourth paragraph, the middle of the fourth
- paragraph here. Do you see where my highlight is?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q Okay.
- 22 A I see the highlight, but I'm looking down
- 23 at -- I see the highlight, but I'm looking down at
- 24 my copy of the report, also.

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- 1 but you're not going to get it if you don't try to
- 2 aet it.
- 3 So, while the three suspects in their
- various versions of their confessions said they
- jumped out and they attacked the guy, that doesn't
- mean that Collazo at some point during that time
- 7 period when trying to resist didn't grab one of
- them, didn't scratch one of them, didn't do
- something at that time to defend himself that would
- result in DNA being underneath his fingernails or on
- 11 his hands or on his clothes or anything.
- 12 The idea behind the paragraph is if you
- 13 don't check, you're certainly not going to find
- 14 evidence.
- 15 Q So, that specific opinion regarding the
- 16 fact that he had blunt force physical trauma
- suggests the potential for physical resistance from 17
- the victim, you're basing that on your personal
- experience, that you had never encountered an
- 20 individual -- or victim rather, who didn't fight
- 21 back when they had blunt force physical trauma?
- 22 A No. Again I'm not an absolutist, but I'm
- saying the possibility is there because blunt force
 - physical trauma, especially if you look at, as the
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- Q Okay, no problem, I understand. It says,
- 2 "The blunt force physical trauma the victim had
- 3 suffered would suggest the potential for physical
- resistance from the victim. There are never
- 5 guarantees evidence would be recovered, but it is
- 6 assured none would be obtained when the testing is
- 7 not done. Recovery of any DNA from under the
- fingernails of the victim could have provided an
- 9 alternate investigative lead."
- 10 So, the sentence here regarding the blunt
- 11 force physical trauma the victim had suffered would
- suggest the potential for physical resistance from
- 13 the victim, what is your basis for this opinion?
- 14 A Well, I've never seen anybody that has not
- 15 at least tried to fight back. You're talking about
- 16 three guys jumping out of a car and attacking
- 17 somebody, especially somebody that's associated with
- a gang. There's going to be some sort of physical
- 19 resistance.
- 20 So, I mean it's experience that tells me
- 21 that that's a possibility, but the end of that
- 22 sentence or the second to last sentence when I say
- there's never guarantees evidence would be
- recovered, or that there would be evidence at all,

- Page 253 1 detectives did, the confessions from the three where
- they said that they punched him and kicked him, it's
- close quarters combat. You are right up on somebody
- when all this is happening. And for them to grab
- you and throw you to the ground, throw you in the
- trunk of a car, there is close contact. So, there's
- always the ability for someone to at least scratch or hold on to somebody and get some sort of DNA.
- 9 Q But, in this case as it relates to
- 10 Collazo, you're making an assumption, correct?
- 11 A That there was physical resistance?
- 12 Q Correct.

- 13 MR. AINSWORTH: Object to the form of the
- 14 question.
- 15 THE WITNESS: Well, I don't anticipate I'm making an assumption because I don't anticipate 16
- 17 that Mr. Collazo just fell to the ground and
- and allowed himself to be beaten and put into 18
- 19 the trunk of a car.
- 20 I would assume just based on human nature 21 that there would have been some resistance to 22 having all this done.
- 23 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) I'm next going to turn to
- that same paragraph -- excuse me, that same page,

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- 1 14, the last paragraph here. And I'm going to turn
- 2 to the sentence that I've highlighted on the screen.
- 3 It reads. "It is reasonable to conclude this was one
- 4 of the wounds which Detective Rolston originally
- 5 noted in his crime scene notes to be a possible
- gunshot wound."
- 7 Actually, let me read the start of that
- 8 paragraph so we have some context. "During the
- autopsy a number of injuries were noted to the head
- 10 of Christopher Collazo. Of those injuries, a
- 11 uniformly round wound was described to the rear of
- 12 Collazo's head. This wound was noted and diagrammed
- 13 by Dr. Kalelkar. It is reasonable to conclude this
- was one of the wounds which Detective Rolston
- originally noted in his crime scene notes to be a
- possible gunshot wound."
- 17 You don't have any medical background or
- 18 training, is that correct?
- 19 A That's correct.
- 20 Q Okay. And I understand that you reviewed
- 21 the deposition testimony of Detective Rolston, is
- 22 that right?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q Okay. So, I'm going to ask you what is

- Page 256 1 the only ones that to me would indicate somebody
- could possibly confuse as a gunshot wound which
- would be a circular wound.
 - Q Okay. And so you're making that
- connection on your own. Did Detective Rolston ever
- testify that he mistakenly thought that those
- gunshot wounds were actually those uniformly round
- wounds that Dr. Kalelkar saw?
- A No. As far as I know, no one asked him
- 10 and he never testified to that.
- 11 Q Sorry, let me restate my question.
- 12 So, are you making the connection yourself
- or have you reviewed any testimony by Detective 13
- Rolston that the uniformly round wounds that Dr.
- Kalelkar noted in the autopsy report he mistakenly
- thought to be possible gunshot wounds?
- 17 A No, I don't believe he was asked if the
- 18 wounds on the coroner's report corresponded to what
- he indicated in his report were gunshot wounds. I'm
- 20 making that conclusion based on comparing the two
- 21 reports.
- 22 Q Okay. Now, I'm going to turn to Page 15,
- the first full paragraph here. I think that's the
- third sentence down. It says, "In a case where

- 1 your basis for concluding that the wound that
- 2 Rolston noted to be a possible gunshot wound to be
- the same wound that Dr. Kalelkar noted as this
- 4 uniformly round wound?
- 5 A I believe Dr. Kalelkar -- I think the
- 6 footnote in there, 67, I believe that goes to her
- 7 trial testimony where she's talking about that.
- But Detective Rolston's crime scene notes and I
- believe his autopsy notes indicated two circular
- 10 wounds that he believes to be gunshot wounds.
- 11 Nowhere else in the coroner's report does
- 12 it indicate anything that would potentially be
- 13 mistaken for a gunshot wound, especially when you
- 14 base -- I believe he said in his GPR notes that the
- 15 wounds that he saw were in the head, and I
- 16 believe those were also -- and then maybe one in the
- 17 back. I'm sorry, I may be misremembering that.
- 18 But that the wounds that he seemed to be
- 19 describing in his notes correlated with the wounds
- 20 that Dr. Kalelkar indicated in her report and in her
- 21 trial testimony. And those are the only wounds from
- 22 what I'm able to tell from looking at the crime
- scene -- or not the crime scene photos, but the
- coroner photos, the coroner report, and his notes,

- Page 257 there's no obvious motive, a detective should remain
- open to all possibilities until evidence arises to
- discount them."
- 4 How have you come to the conclusion that
- 5 this case did not have an obvious motive?
- 6 A I'm referring to the crime scene. When
- 7 Detective Rolston rolls out to the crime scene and
- he sees a body that's been set on fire, that it has
- been wrapped in plastic, that there's duct tape
- around, the pants are down, pulled down around close
- to the knees, there's one shoe missing, and the
- information that he gets when he attends the post
- 13 later that day when he notes that the sock was taken
- 14 and put in the mouth and used as a partial gag, all
- 15 that information, he had none of the motive
- 16 information from Johnnitta Griffin and Marcus
- 17 Marinelli at that point.
- 18 During the crime scene, he had no idea
- 19 what the motive was. All he had was the crime scene
- and the information that he had. And at that point,
- 21 that's where I'm talking about, there's no obvious
- 22 motive when he walks in and he looks at that
- 23 information. He doesn't know if the victim has been
- walking and was flashing a large amount of money and

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- 1 the motive was robbery. He doesn't know if the
- 2 victim was a male streetwalking prostitute and he
- 3 was attacked and murdered over sex. He doesn't know
- 4 if he's a gang member and is walking through another
- location and it's a rival gang and he was kidnapped
- 6 and beaten because he's in rival gang territory.
- When Rolston is at the crime scene, there
- 8 is no obvious motive there. And that's what I'm
- 9 talking about when I say in a case where there's no
- 10 obvious motive, he has to remain open which means
- 11 you take in all the information, you process the
- 12 crime scene to the best of your ability to gather
- 13 all evidence. You don't just wait until later when
- 14 maybe a motive is going to arise because you can't
- 15 go back and re-enact that crime scene. Once you
- 40 1
- 16 leave a crime scene, that crime scene is torn down
- 17 and there is contamination within a crime scene.
- 18 Q Did you conclude as part of this case that
- 19 there was the possibility of a sexual motive?
- 20 A Did I conclude it? No, I considered it.
- 21 Q Okay. And as part of your consideration,
- 22 did you then rule it out?
- 23 A Well, it's almost impossible to rule it
- 24 out because as I stated I think later in my report,

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 1 I'm saying is based on the information and the
- 2 theory that the detectives put forth with the time
- 3 frame involved and the evidence that this was an
- 4 ongoing and continuous action from the alleged
- 5 abduction, beating, until the body was dropped in
- 6 the alley and set on fire, every confession, every
- 7 report indicates that it was a constant motion -- or
- 8 I'm sorry, that it was a constant action between one
- 9 to the end.
- 10 And as it became more apparent with,
- 11 again, the bus not running, the phone calls having
- 12 not been made, the security video that they had from
- 3 the hospital itself and the ones that they neglected
- 14 to get from the apartment, as it became more
- 15 apparent with all that evidence mounting up, that
- 16 John Fulton could not have been in those areas
- 17 because he was physically in another area, that's
- 18 when it -- and not involved in the murder of
- 19 Christopher Collazo as the theory is purported in
- 20 this case, that they could not have been involved in
- 21 the -- I probably should have put that in there, but
- 22 as the theory of this case evolved and what the
- 23 detectives pushed forward with and the ASA's pushed
 - forward with, under that theory they could not have

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- 1 aside from an examination of Collazo's genitalia, as
- 2 far as I know there was no rape kit done, there was
- 3 no -- to see whether there was anal penetration or
- 4 to see if there was oral penetration, if maybe the
- 5 sock was covering something, if there had been
- 6 ejaculant in Collazo's mouth.
- 7 None of that as far as I know, no sexual
- 8 kit was requested, no sexual assault kit was done.
- 9 And the fact that his pants were pulled down around
- 10 his knees could lead someone to draw a conclusion
- 11 that it was sexually related.
- 12 And so you don't rule it out without being
- 13 able to physically rule it out.
- 14 Q Okay. I'm going to turn your attention to
- 15 that same paragraph, the last sentence there before
- 16 your "Basis" section. It says, "And as the evidence
- 17 became more apparent that Fulton, and therefore
- 18 Mitchell and Shaw, were not involved in the murder
- 19 of Christopher Collazo, these additional observations
- 20 and motives could have been re-examined."
- 21 So, are you opining that Fulton, and
- 22 therefore, Mitchell and Shaw were not involved in
- 23 the murder of Christopher Collazo?
- 24 A I'm saying -- in that sentence again what

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- been involved because they couldn't have been thereat that time.
- 3 Q Okay. Now, I want to turn to your "Basis"
- 4 section on Page 15, and it goes into Page 16 and a
- 5 few pages after that as well. So, hold on -- let me
- 6 turn to the last paragraph here on Page 15, it's the
- 7 last sentence contained in that paragraph. "This
- 8 case with the factors involved, e.g., the suspected
- o case with the factors involved, e.g., the suspected
- 9 abduction time versus the time the body was
- 10 discovered, the extreme ambient temperatures and the
- 11 effect of the victim being set on fire, all
- 12 increased the difficulty, but emphasized the need to
- 13 even attempt to make that determination."
- 14 And when you say "that determination" in
- 15 this section, you're referring to the time of death of
- 16 the victim, is that right?
 - A That's correct.
- 18 Q You would agree that a detective alone
- 19 cannot determine the time of death of a decedent,
- 20 correct?

- 21 A No, ma'am. This is I believe and
- 22 elsewhere in the report I indicate that there is any
- 3 number of things that the detectives could have
- 24 talked with Dr. Kalelkar about, and Officer or

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- 1 Detective Winston -- not Winstead -- Winston, the
- 2 arson and bomb detective, with regards to their
- 3 knowledge and their expertise as to how long the
- 4 body would have burned, how the accelerant that was
- 5 still being smelled at the scene at 3:00 o'clock in
- 6 the morning, how long that would have remained in 7 the air.
 - One that occurred to me that I don't have
- 9 in the report at this point is in reviewing the
- 10 stuff for this deposition today, I also noted that
- 11 during the autopsy Dr. Kalelkar had noted that there
- 12 were 300 milliliters, which I had to look up, is
- 13 about a quarter -- a cup and quarter worth of
- 14 partially digested food in Collazo's stomach
- 15 including recognizable peas. With that information,
- 16 with Rolston attending the autopsy and getting the
- 17 information that he had gotten, that could have
- 18 helped them in addition to the lividity that I talked
- 19 about and the rigor -- whatever rigor or lividity or
- 20 the length of time the injuries that the victim had
- 21 sustained by fire damage along with the potential for
- 22 time for digestion.

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- 23 They could have gone back and they could
- 24 have talked with Mercado's -- with Mercado or with

- Page 264 1 that was recovered from the scene as to how long
- something may have burned, how saturated the
- cardboard was with an accelerant would give you an
- idea of how much was burned or how long the fire may
- have burned because there was still accelerant
- within the cardboard that the fire department didn't 6
- 7 put out.
- 8 There is any number of things that the
- detectives could have gone back and done. And I'm
- saying that a detective doesn't necessarily have to
- 11 be a forensic expert, but you make use of the forensic experts that you have to try and make these
- determinations, and then use all the information
- that Dr. Kalelkar gives you, all the information
- that Officer Winston gives you, and then compare
- them with each other and actually go back and talk
- 17 to the other person to see if all your information
- 18 jibes.
- 19 Q Are you aware that Dr. Kalelkar couldn't
- 20 narrow down the time of death?
- A I don't remember anything where anyone 21
- 22 asked her whether she was able to narrow the time of
- 23 death. 24

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Q You reviewed her dep -- excuse me, not her

- 1 Marinelli to determine whether they were with him when
- 2 he ate his last meal, to find out when that was. That
- 3 could have narrowed down a time of death. There were
- any number of things. All of them could have been
- 5 affected by weather or time, but if you're going to
- 6 determine a time of death, you can use all those
- 7 things to try and narrow it down, work them against
- 8 each other, work them with each other to try to get
- 9 a time of death. And all the detectives in this it
- 10 appears elected not to do anything to narrow a time
- 11 of death.
- Q So, is it fair to say that in order for a 12
- 13 detective to learn the time of death of the
- 14 decedent, they would have to have engaged with
- 15 either, in this case, the arson investigator or the
- 16 coroner or medical examiner, is that fair?
- 17 A I would not say or. I would say to talk
- 18 with the arson investigator and the medical examiner
- 19 and find out what the medical examiner could tell
- 20 you because she may have an expertise with regards
- 21 to the degree of burn that the suspect -- or I'm
- 22 sorry, that the victim had sustained versus what
- 23 information, mechanical information that the arson
- investigator can tell you based on the other debris

- Page 265 dep, you reviewed her autopsy report and her trial
- 2 testimony, correct?
 - A Yes.
- 4 Okay. Is it your opinion that a detective
- can investigate a homicide case properly without
- having an exact time of death, or is it possible to
- 7 have a proper investigation with a window of time of
- 8 death?
- 9 MR. AINSWORTH: Object to the form of the question.
- 10 11 THE WITNESS: You can have a proper
- 12 investigation with a window of time of death.
- 13 What I don't believe you should do or you can
- 14 do is ignore the idea that you try to narrow
- 15 the time of death. Because as I said in that
- 16 earlier statement, without knowing the time of
- 17 death, you can't necessarily put your suspect
- 18 with the victim at the murder scene at the
- 19 proper time. And if you can't do that, you
- 20 open the door to reasonable doubt.
- 21 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) Turning to Page 16, the
- 22 second paragraph here, starting at -- well, I'll
- start at the first sentence. "An attempt to
 - ascertain liver temperature could have assisted in

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- 1 the attempt to determine the time of death. While
- 2 two factors, i.e., the extreme temperature in which
- 3 the body was found and burning the victim could
- 4 hinder the use of liver temperature as a measure,
- not taking the liver temperature or requesting it be
- done was an opportunity lost." 6
- 7 Have you ever obtained the temperature of
- 8 a liver yourself?
- 9 A No, ma'am. In Los Angeles, the crime
- 10 scene belongs to the detective. The body belongs to
- 11 the coroner's office.
- 12 When the coroner investigator rolls out to
- 13 the scene, in this case, the other Henderson -- I
- 14 don't remember her first name -- when she rolled out
- 15 to the scene, that would be -- as far as I know,
- 16 that would be her responsibility to do those things
- 17 with the body at the location.
- 18 I would request it. I would expect the
- 19 homicide detective to request it because having the
- 20 information is better than -- and not needing it is
- 21 better than needing it and not having it.
- 22 We request liver temperature on -- and
- 23 liver temperature is taken as a matter of course on
- 24 every murder, even if we have a call that comes out

- 1 notion?
- 2 A Well, I think my report is long enough as
- it is without me citing every time I find something
- where I use something that I know that I've heard
- before. I don't think you'd want to have to go
- through a hundred page report if I did that every
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- 8 Q Okay. I'm going to turn to Page 17 --
- actually no, 18, the first full paragraph there, the
- 10 second sentence.
- 11 "Upon leaving his residence on the night
- 12 of March 9th, 2003, Collazo was rumored to be
- traveling to 2607 Foster Avenue, the home of Marisol
- Caldero, to see Johnnitta Griffin. There is no
- factual evidence as to what manner of transportation
- Collazo was to use, nor if he actually went in that
- direction. Collazo might easily have changed his
- plans and destination. His being seen and abducted
- in or near rival gang territory, while en route to
- any number of the potential destinations could be a
- 21 plausible theory."
- 22 What evidence could you point to that
- Collazo may have traveled through gang territory in
 - this case?

- 1 where it's a drive-by shooting and we know from the
- 2 911 calls what time it happened, we will still have
- 3 liver temperature taken, even if it's a redundancy
- 4 for time of death. It's just taken as a matter of
- 5 course. It's a procedure that if you follow once
- 6 and you always follow, you will always have that
- 7 information.
- 8 Q And you're not an expert in forensic
- pathology, correct?
- 10 A Not in the least, ma'am, no.
- 11 Q Are you relying upon any literature or any
- 12 other type of source to back up your opinion that if
- 13 the liver temperature was ascertained, it could have
- 14 attempted -- it could have assisted in attempting to
- 15 find the time of death?
- 16 A Most of -- I think Geberth mentions it and
- 17 there are other textbooks having to do with homicide
- 18 investigation that will tell you that it may not pan
- 19 out to get the information, but it's better to do it
- 20 than to not do it. It's a basic procedure.
- 21 Experience will tell you that as well as a lot of
- 22 investigative texts.
- 23 Q Okay. Is there any reason why you didn't
- 24 cite Geberth here in your expert report for this

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- A Well, I can't prove where he went. That's
- why I'm saying he could have been en route to any
- number of potential destinations. I believe Marcus
- Marinelli in his -- whether it was his grand jury
- testimony or trial testimony said that when he left
- Collazo, he had no idea where Collazo was going. He
- 7 knows where Collazo said he was going, but he had no
- 8 actual information as to where he was going.
- 9 And if I remember correctly, Marinelli
- said he left at 9:00 o'clock that night, and the
- phone records for Collazo indicated that there were
- a number of calls going until 9:30 that night, any
- 13 number of which could have been like attempted to be
- -- or could have been his had he waited until 9:30
- 15 to leave. There's no way to know what time he left
- 16 the apartment because no one -- even including his
- mother, no one said that they saw him actually
- leave. It was Marinelli left at 9:00 o'clock, and
- he doesn't know where Collazo was going or -- he
- just knows where he said he was going. So, there is
- 21 no indication as to where he was going.
- 22 There were a number of phone calls made
- between I believe 9:00 o'clock and 9:30. Nobody
 - ever went back and looked at subscriber information

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1 to see who those calls were made to. He may have

2 been -- I know from other phone records, he was a

3 bit of a player, he had a number of girlfriends. He

4 could have called any number of people and changed

plans and decided to go somewhere else.

There's no physical -- I can't prove where he went, I can't prove where he didn't go. There's

8 no way of knowing.

9 Marinelli left that night, and that's the

10 last person that saw -- aside from the killer,

11 that's the last person that saw -- that we know of

12 that saw Christopher Collazo alive.

13 Q Okay. Why do you say it's a plausible

14 theory that he could have traveled through gang

15 territory?

A Because it's -- it's just a motive as much

17 as Detective Rolston had on the original night that

18 -- and that's what I'm addressing here is the crime

19 scene and what should have been done, what should

20 have been considered at the crime scene, all the

21 different motives that presented themselves while he

22 was doing the crime scene.

23 It's as plausible as the sexual assault

24 motive that I talked about before. It would be just

Page 272 being made. Just object to the form of the question.

THE WITNESS: I know from the investigation that they associated him with a gang. I cannot recall off the top of my head what gang he was with, but it's a plausible theory.

I've had a number of gang cases where someone is just traveling through a rival gang neighborhood, minding their own business, but they're seen by that rival gang and that's a feather in the cap of the rival gang to rob or just beat a rival gang member.

I'm not saying I can prove it either way. I'm saying it's a plausible theory that could be looked at, maybe rejected or maybe it would have gone somewhere.

But, yes, he was a gang member. He could easily have traveled through a rival gang neighborhood. Again, there's no physical evidence aside from the confessions by Fulton, Mitchell, and Shaw putting Collazo on the corner of Foster and Rockwell that night. He could have gone any other direction and been kidnapped from another location and been

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1 as plausible as that he went and was carrying

2 narcotics or money or somebody knew that he would be

3 carrying narcotics and money because they know he

4 deals drugs, and they -- they tried to rob him for

5 his drugs, and this resulted as a -- as an extension

6 of that.

7 I'm not saying that these are specifically

8 what they should have looked at. I'm saying these

9 are things that they could have considered as

10 additional motives during the investigation.

11 Q Are you making that assumption because

12 Collazo was a gang member?

13 A That he was dealing drugs?

14 MR. AINSWORTH: Object to the form of the

15 question.

16 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) Here, I can rephrase.

17 So, when you say that it's a plausible

18 theory that when he left that night on March 9th,

19 that he traveled through a gang territory, are you

20 making that assumption because he was a gang member

21 himself?

22 A What I'm saying is --

23 MR. AINSWORTH: Hang on. Object to the

24 form of the question. There's no assumption

dropped off on South Peoria.

I'm saying we don't know where he went.

There's no physical evidence that tells us where

he went once he left his apartment.

5 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) Okay. Turning to Page 19,

6 the second paragraph, it states, "Detectives found

7 little discrepancy between Marinelli and Griffin's

8 version of that gun deal/robbery with those versions

9 later obtained from John Fulton. And from even

10 later interviews of Anthony Mitchell and Antonio

11 Shaw. They transferred the reliability they placed

12 on those accounts into an unwavering confidence in

13 statements regarding the night of the murder."

So, first let me ask you, did you find

15 that Marinelli, Griffin, Fulton, and Mitchell's

16 descriptions of the gun deal/robbery that occurred

17 in February, 2003, to be consistent?

18 A Yeah, I mean there were -- I think there

19 were minor discrepancies with regard to certain

0 things. But for the most part they all fell in

21 like jigsaw pieces with each other, they fit very

22 well. The fact that Fulton was looking for a gun,

23 that he went through Griffin, Marinelli saying that

24 they set him up, that Marinelli was watching from

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1 the location and watched Collazo get in and smoke

- 2 dope with Fulton and Mitchell and Shaw outside the
- 3 location before they went in to do the gun deal, the
- 4 way the robbery went down. Everything for the most
- 5 part in substance matched up very well.
- 6 And again, that's why I say that the
- 7 retribution for robbery -- it was a strong motive.
- 8 It should have been looked at, but it should not
- 9 have been considered the only motive that they would
- 10 ever look at.
- 11 Q So, your -- the last sentence in this
- 12 paragraph where you say, "They transferred the
- 13 reliability they placed on those accounts into an
- 14 unwavering confidence in statements regarding the
- 15 night of the murder." What is your basis for that
- 16 opinion?
- 17 A I would say that the transcripts from the
- 18 detectives where they kept talking about -- and the
- 19 State's Attorneys where they kept saying that when
- 20 asked, you know, why they believed them, because
- 21 they came across as credible. And when pressed as
- 22 to what credible was, many of them went back and
- 23 said it was how they presented the statements to us,
- 24 it was what they said, whether it was Mitchell's I

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MR. AINSWORTH: Object to the form of the question.

THE WITNESS: No, ma'am, you're jumping to the end. I believe I justify it in the paragraph before that, and I just testified to it

During the robbery, Fulton meets Collazo.
They sit in a car for I believe the estimated time was twenty minutes smoking dope together.
They get out of the car and they walk together, and this was only a few weeks before.

And Fulton -- when Collazo supposedly got off the bus was able to recognize him just by getting off the bus as to who he was, so he recognized him.

For Griffin to have to say, well, this is what he's going to be wearing when there was no way she would know what he was going to be wearing, only what he might be wearing.

For those things, for him to have to get from her a description of what Collazo looked like seemed unlikely to me. He'd known the guy, he's met the guy, he was robbed by the guy. I mean it's an event that would impress on your

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- 1 think video statement or Fulton's statement with
- 2 Rubinstein and the detectives. Even Nazarian's
- 3 statement later when she was saying that prior to
- 4 trial when she reviewed everything, they kept going
- 5 back and conflating -- I think Nazarian said it best
- 6 and I have it later in the report where she said
- 7 everything that they said about the gun deal and
- 8 then the murder.
- 9 And so they conflated all the reliability
- 10 that they placed in what was ultimately a reliable
- 11 statement about the gun deal, but they bled it over
- 12 into the murder which they are two completely
- 13 different acts weeks apart, that it shouldn't have
- 14 been done, that it gave a tunnel vision to their --
- 15 those versions of the stories for them to believe
- 16 anything that was told. And it turned out later that
- 17 factually a lot of the things that were being stated
- 18 were not true.
- 19 Q This last sentence on Page 19 here, "The 20 potential that Fulton would require a description of
- 21 Collazo seems unlikely."
- 22 Did you learn from Fulton himself that he
- 23 wouldn't have needed a description of Collazo, and
- 24 therefore, he could not have committed the murder?

memory you would think, a facial feature, so

that when he sees the guy again, yeah, that's

the guy that robbed me, let's go get him.

It seems unlikely that somebody would have

5 to describe -- that Johnnitta Griffin, who did

6 not see him that day, would have to describe him

to Fulton who has met him before. It just seems

8 unlikely to me.

9 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) Are you assuming that

0 Fulton would not need another description of Collazo

because he met him approximately three weeks before?MR. AINSWORTH: Object to the form of the

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14 THE WITNESS: What I'm saying is I find it 15 unlikely. I would think that for the same 16 reason that we show 6-pack photo lineups to

somebody who has been a robbery victim before

and ask them to pick somebody out of a 6-packphoto lineup. When you look at somebody that's

20 committed a crime against you that you've spent

time with, it seems unlikely that somebody

would have to describe to you what they looked like later before we would show a 6-pack. To

me it falls under the same category of

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recognition. Not impossible, but it seems 1

- 2 unlikely to me.
- 3 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) Now, turning to Page -- it
- 4 really started at Page 22 to Page 25. You outline
- 5 the discrepancies between the statements given by
- 6 Fulton, Mitchell, and Shaw. Is that a fair summary
- 7 of that section?
- 8 A Yeah, I think so.
- 9 Q Just to be clear, are you opining that if
- 10 discrepancies in suspect statements exist where
- 11 there's multiple co-defendants, does that indicate
- 12 that they could not have committed the crime because
- 13 there's discrepancies?
- 14 A No. What I'm saying is the discrepancies,
- 15 even within Fulton's own account of what happened,
- 16 if someone is confessing to you and they're giving
- 17 you the statement of what happened, telling you the
- 18 order something happened would normally -- would be
- 19 a normal thing. It doesn't change because you're
- 20 confessing. If you're confessing to a crime, you're
- 21 confessing to the crime. The order of events would
- 22 be the order of events.
- 23 But, I believe in Fulton's, he drops
- 24 certain things from I guess where the gas can was,

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- 1 were in, that they stopped at a gas station, that
- 2 they didn't stop at a gas station, that they
- purchased a gas can, just so many things that didn't
- make sense. One of them, they stopped for gas
- before they secured him with duct tape, and then
- other ones they drove away from the scene, took him
- 7 out, beat him again, put him in a plastic bag, put
- 8 him in duct tape. And then even though at one point
- Mitchell says during one of his interviews that they
- 10 left the scene of the crime for fear that somebody
- 11 had called the police, they drive back toward the
- scene of the crime and go to a gas station
- purportedly a block away from the scene of the
- crime, not knowing that if someone had called from
- that scene and described that car, the police would
- be responding and see that car a block away.

17 Those kind of things -- those kind of

18 discrepancies are what I'm looking at and saying

- those should have raised tremendous red flags with
- 20 the detectives for comparison to let them know that
- 21 something is wrong with the information that we're
- 22 getting.
- 23 Q Did those inconstancies or discrepancies
 - lead you to believe that the statements given by

- 1 any number of things within the report that I've
- 2 got. What alley they went to, if they got gas, the
- 3 gas was in the back. And especially, like I said,
- 4 just in Fulton's, the big key here is the sock in
- 5 the mouth and the shoe.
- 6 This is something -- that's a huge clue,
- 7 that's a huge tell for a detective doing an
- 8 interview with somebody who is establishing that
- 9 somebody is confessing and not giving a false
- 10 confession is that you would look at information
- 11 that's being given to you that you know to be
- 12 factually true or not.
- 13 And if somebody for whatever reason is
- 14 admitting to something or is telling you something
- 15 happened, but something that specific that you took
- 16 the shoe or the victim kicked his shoe off and to
- 17 quiet him down, we took his own sock and we put it
- 18 in his mouth is very event specific, that in a
- 19 confession I would expect to hear that rather than
- 20 we took him out and we grabbed an oily rag and we
- 21 put that in his mouth and we duct taped him.
- 22 And then, of course, then just Fulton's
- 23 statements, but then when you start comparing them
- 24 to Mitchell that they don't know what alley they

- Fulton, Mitchell, and Shaw were not true?
- 2 A That they were flawed, not necessarily --
- I mean ultimately they turned out to be -- well, as
- far as I know, they turned out to be not true.
- There is absolutely again, no evidence, no physical
- 6 evidence.
- 7 Again, one of the statements that he was
- beaten at the side of the road at Foster and
- Rockwell, and we know from the coroner's
- investigation and from some of the statements that
- he was hit in the head, and there's blood at the
- scene that he had bled, and there was blood where he
- 13 was picked up from the arson.
- 14 So, it's logical to assume, it's logical
- 15 to -- it's a reasonable conclusion to draw that he
- 16 was bleeding when he was put in the trunk of the
- car. And then he's -- again, in one version that
- 18 he's taken to a gas station where he's not bound and
- 19 he's in the trunk of a car bleeding, and yet they
- 20 stopped to get gas. And then they go to an alley
- where then he's bound, or they go to the alley and
- 22 then they come back. 23 There are many things -- it's flawed.
 - Somewhere along the way somebody is not telling the

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- 1 truth or not telling something in the right order.
- There's huge discrepancies that need to be addressed
- 3 that weren't.
- 4 Q I'm going to turn now to Page 26 of your
- 5 report, the second full paragraph that starts, "In
- 6 the two interviews." I'm going to jump to a few
- 7 sentences in. It says, "This method of starting a
- 8 fire shows a degree of sophistication or experience
- 9 in setting or lighting fires." Do you have any
- 10 expertise in fire science at all?
- 11 A Expertise, no. I took a class early in my
- 12 career when I was still working patrol, one semester
- 13 at a community college, on arson investigation.
- 14 But this information, this comes from some of those
- 15 cases where we dealt with -- when I was on the job
- 16 where we dealt with vehicles that were set on fire
- 17 and arsons in talking with arson investigators, one
- 18 in particular. This was something that was pointed
- 19 out to me. The trunk of the the vehicle was set on
- 20 fire -- well, the car itself was set on fire. There
- 21 was a rag placed into the gas tank, it was soaked.
- 22 And then gasoline, the accelerant was poured and laid
- 23 in a strip away from the car. And there was heat
- 24 damage to the asphalt leading up to the car.

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- And we had asked the -- we noticed it and 2 we had asked the arson investigator, out here the
- 3 arson investigator is a part of the fire department,
- 4 not the police department. And we had asked the
- 5 arson investigator about it, and he said almost
- 6 those exact words, he said, this shows a level of
- 7 sophistication, this is somebody who knows how to
- 8 set a fire with an accelerant in that the fire is --
- 9 the accelerant is what actually burns, but when you
- 10 get that large plume of flame or if you pour like
- 11 gasoline if you're doing a drum fire in the backyard
- 12 and you pour too much lighter fluid on it, when you
- 13 get that fireball in the beginning, it's because of
- 14 the vapor, the accelerant vapor in the air is
- 15 burning.

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- 16 And he said this is somebody that's had
- experience lighting a fire before because they know 17
- 18 that when they light that the gasoline that they
- 19 poured over the car, it's going to be in the air and
- 20 there's a potential for a large fire. That by
- 21 pouring that away from the car and lighting the end
- 22 of it so that the fire goes back toward the car,
- 23 they're far enough away where they don't get injured
- 24 by that fireball.

- And that's where that comes from is
- experience and information that I ascertained from
- experts and an arson investigator.
- 4 Q Are you relying on any literature to
- support that opinion?
- 6 No, ma'am.
 - Q I'm going to turn to Page 29 of your
- report. The first paragraph, it's somewhat towards
- the middle of the paragraph, the sentence that
- starts, "Shaw had." "Shaw had ridden in Fulton's car
- 11 one at least one prior occasion and potentially
- multiple other times. Any of which might have
- explained how his print was left there had the
- 14 issued been raised."
- 15 Would you not agree that the location of
- 16 where Shaw's fingerprint was found in the trunk of
- 17 Fulton's car tends to corroborate Fulton's
- 18 confession? Would you not agree to that?
- 19 A That Shaw's fingerprint in the back of
- 20 Fulton's car corroborates Fulton's --
 - Q Maybe I even misstated it or maybe you
- 22 misheard me. Let me say my question again.
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Sure, no problem. So, you're aware that

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- Shaw's fingerprint was found in what's described as
- like a side tire cover in the trunk of Fulton's car,
- right?
- 4 A Yes.
- Q Okay. So, would you agree or would you
- not agree that where Shaw's fingerprint was found in
- Fulton's car tends to corroborate Fulton's 7
- confession?
- 9 A You would have to explain to me how you
- 10 think it corroborates Fulton's confession. Shaw's
- been in the car a number of times. There's no -- no
- one ever elicited that Shaw had never reached into
- the trunk of the car. Finding a fingerprint in a
- 14 crime scene does not necessarily prove any aspect of 15 a crime.
- 16 If Shaw's fingerprint in the trunk of the
- 17 car had been in Collazo's blood, I would say yes,
- 18 then you have a clue. But, Shaw's fingerprint,
- him having been in the car before and we don't know
- when they were in the car, if they stopped somewhere
- 21 and Fulton asked him to get -- and I'm speculating
- here -- but there are any number of scenarios where
- 23 Fulton could have gone to get something out of the
- 24 back of the car -- or I'm sorry, that Shaw could

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- 1 have gone into the back of the car to get something
- 2 for Fulton or to get something for himself or they
- 3 carried something and they were transporting
- 4 something in the back of the car where Shaw touched
- 5 that. There is no way to tell when that fingerprint
- 6 was left. And so it doesn't lend itself toward
- 7 corroborating anything in the night of the murder
- 8 because we don't know when that fingerprint was
- 9 left.
- 10 Q Did you find in any of the materials that
- 11 you reviewed an explanation for why Shaw's
- 12 fingerprint was found in that -- why his fingerprint
- 13 existed in that portion of Fulton's trunk?
- 14 A You know what, ma'am, no, I don't recall
- 15 anything, any explanation.
- 16 Q Okay. And are you aware that at Shaw's
- 17 deposition he could not give a reason as to why his
- 18 fingerprint was found in that portion of Fulton's
- 19 trunk?
- 20 A I would have to review that, that
- 21 statement to see, you know, the context that it was
- 22 asked and answered in. But just because he doesn't
- 23 have an answer for it doesn't mean that there is, for
- 24 want of a better term, a nefarious purpose.

- 1 Q Do you recall if those individuals who
- 2 Mitchell claims he was with during that time frame,
- 3 March 9th through the 10th, were Remington Stewart,
- 4 Reshawn Hobbs, and Alton Manderson? Does that sound
- 5 familiar?
- 6 A It could be, I don't know. The names
- 7 don't sound familiar. I may have read them before,
- 8 but they don't ring a bell for me.
- 9 Q Okay. Well, I'm going to -- I'm going to
- 10 represent to you that the names of those three
- 11 individuals came up for the first time during
- 12 Anthony Mitchell's deposition. He hadn't testified
- 13 to that at all prior to his deposition. Would you
- 14 find it inherently unreliable that he gave up those
- 15 three names for the first time during his deposition?
- MR. AINSWORTH: Object to the form of the
- 17 question.18 THE WITNESS: Unreliable? I don't know.
- 19 It doesn't necessarily mean that it isn't true.
- 20 As I said before, as I recall he did not put
 - on an affirmative defense with alibi witnesses.
- 22 So, you know, he relied on John Fulton's
- 23 defense.

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And I may be wrong, but I thought before

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- Like I said, a fingerprint in and of
- 2 itself in a crime location doesn't necessarily mean
- 3 a connection to a particular crime unless I can tie
- 4 it in with some other -- as I said before, if it was
- 5 a fingerprint in Collazo's blood, that would be
- 6 tremendously inculpatory evidence.
- 7 But, the fact that his fingerprint even in
- 8 an odd place in the car doesn't necessarily mean
- 9 that he put Collazo in the car, he took Collazo out
- 10 of the car. It's just a fact. It doesn't prove one
- 11 thing either way.
- 12 Q Now, previously during this deposition we
- 13 talked a little bit about Mitchell's alibi in which
- 14 you stated that you had learned from the materials
- 15 that you reviewed that he was at his cousin's house,
- 16 is that right?
- 17 A I don't recall which house he was at. The
- 18 vague recollection that I had is that he was at a
- 19 residence, whether it's at his cousin's house or a
- 20 relative's house or a friend's house. He was at a
- 21 house and I believe they were in the basement, and
- 22 there were two other people that he was playing
- 23 cards with or rolling dice or doing something. I
- 24 don't remember the specifics.

- that I had read that he had given that
- 2 information, that at least his attorney had
- 3 that information with regards to those alibi
- 4 witnesses.
- 5 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) Well, I can't speak to
- 6 what information his attorney had because they
- 7 wouldn't provide that for us.
- 8 But are you aware that when it came to
- 9 his post conviction pleadings that he had never
- 10 named these three individuals as potential alibi
- 11 witnesses?

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- A No, I would have to see that. I'm not
- 13 aware. I didn't read that.
- 14 Q Okay. So, have you not looked at his post
 - 5 conviction petition or any of the supplements that
- 16 were filed thereafter?
 - A I don't believe I read those, no.
- 18 Q I'm going to now take you to Page 30, the
- 19 first paragraph, the first sentence, "According to
- 20 the autopsy report, the majority of Collazo's
- 21 lacerations were to the head, and it would be
- 22 reasonable to believe this would be the source of
- 23 the majority of his bleeding."
- 24 Here you're making the assumption that the

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1 source of his bleeding, if any, would be from his

- 2 head, is that fair?
- 3 A Well, as that's -- I believe his fire
- 4 damage to his arms, torso, and legs, I don't believe
- 5 there was much I would say serious injury sustained
- 6 to his -- to his torso. Like I said, I think there
- 7 may have been one of the circular wounds on his
- 8 back. But as I recall, most of the injuries that
- 9 he sustained, the blunt force trauma, was to his
- 10 head.
- 11 And just from experience, talking to
- 12 coroners, handling cases both in patrol and through
- 13 my retirement, head wounds have a tendency to bleed
- 14 quite a bit.
- 15 So, with numerous head wounds, again it's
- 16 a reasonable assumption that the majority of his
- 17 bleeding is where the majority of his injuries were
- 18 sustained, that that's where the majority of his
- 19 bleeding would come from.
- 20 Q I'm going to take you to that same page,
- 21 second paragraph here that starts, "Forensic testing
- 22 with Luminol could have discovered the presence of
- 23 blood even after the car was cleaned by Yolanda
- 24 Henderson, which was postulated as the reason for

- 1 time.
- 2 Q I'm sorry, I didn't mean to cut you off.
- 3 A Well, experience, expertise. We've had
- 4 training in it in homicide school and other schools
- 5 going from experts at scene. I've read various
- 6 articles during the course of my career with regards
- 7 to Luminol testing. So, I mean it's just -- it's
- 8 information that I've gleaned over the course of my
- 9 career and experience.
- 10 Q Are you relying on any literature or
- 11 research articles, though, for that proposition?
- 12 A Relying on anything? No, ma'am. Like I
- 13 said, I review things. I'll read articles and try to
- 14 apply that information when I was doing these
- 15 investigations to my investigations. But I relied
- 16 on -- for forensic testing, I only relied on the
- 17 criminalists as we called them who would do the
- 8 testing. I relied on their results, but not on my
- 19 own research.
- 20 Q When you were working as a homicide
- 21 detective, was one of your goals when you had a
- 22 suspect in custody to obtain a confession from
- 23 someone who you believed the evidence pointed to was
- 24 guilty?

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- the original negative test results."
- 2 What experience do you have conducting any
- 3 forensic testing, specifically with Luminol?
- 4 A I do not do the testing, ma'am. Again if
- 5 when I'm referring to forensic testing and that, I
- 6 cause it to be done or I request it to be done. I
- 7 will call our scientific investigation people, and I
- 8 will have the testing done in my presence so I can
- 9 watch and see what happens with regards to that.
- Again, I'm not purporting to be a forensic
- 11 scientist. I'm not purporting to have performed the
- 12 tests, but I do request that they are done, and
- 13 examine the results, make comparisons against what I
- 14 know, talk to the forensic scientists to see if I'm
- 15 making proper or improper assumptions based on the
- 16 information they give me, and I go from there.
- 17 Q Are you relying on any literature or any
- 18 authoritative sources for the proposition that
- 19 forensic testing with Luminol could have discovered
- 20 the presence of blood in Fulton's car?
- 21 A Experience and during my --
- 22 Q My apologies, I said -- I said in Fulton's
- 23 car.
- 24 A I'm sorry, I probably talked at the same

- A It's a goal, but I mean it's not always
- 2 attainable. It's not something that I'm going to
- 3 spend, you know, an inordinate amount of time
- 4 ringing my hands over.
- 5 Yeah, it's nice to get a confession,
- 6 especially if it's corroborated by physical
- 7 evidence. But I've had a number of cases where you
- 8 go to trial and the person says they didn't do it,
- 9 and you know they did and you convict them without a
- 10 confession based on witness, eyewitness
- 1 testimony and corroborative physical evidence.
- 12 Q Okay. And you previously mentioned that13 you had obtained about fifteen to twenty confessions.
- 14 Did you later learn that those suspects ever alleged
- 15 that those confessions were false or coerced?
- 16 A No, ma'am. Again, when I do suspect
- 17 interviews along those lines, I recorded everything.
- 18 If someone made that allegation in discovery, we
- 19 turn over all the -- we turn over all the interview
- 20 tapes along with the murder book, any recordings,
- 21 and they can hear for themselves if they want to
- 22 make that issue in court, we just present the tape
- 23 to the court and let the court decide.
- 24 But, I've never had anybody -- well, I

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1 take that back. I've had one allege that we

- intimidated them, and the court reviewed the tape
- and dismissed that allegation against us. 3
- Q Are you familiar at all with the 4
- literature out there regarding false confessions and
- the rate at which they occur across the United 6
- 7 States?

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- 8 A I've read a number of articles and some
- 9 books with regards to false confessions, and there
- 10 are chapters in books that I've reviewed.
- 11 Q So, based on your review of the materials
- 12 that have covered false confessions and the rate at
- which they occur, would you agree then that false
- confessions typically occur more rarely than
- 15 truthful confessions in the United States?
- 16 MR. AINSWORTH: Object to the form of the 17 question. Go ahead and answer.
- 18 THE WITNESS: I don't -- I mean when I'm
- 19 reviewing that, I'm reviewing what goes into a
- 20 false confession, not necessarily what the rate
- 21 is as compared to one or the other. Whether
- 22 it's actually true or not, I'm looking at
- 23 things that -- in those chapters or in those
- 24 books where they illuminate or where they tend

- 1 And there was a conviction on one of the
- cases in which the DNA came back to Turner, where
- 3 another man had been convicted.
 - And Cliff Shepherd who discovered that
- series and was handling that case got an exoneration
- for that man who had been falsely convicted. And if
- I remember correctly, he was mentally challenged.
- But, I don't know the circumstances within -- if I
- remember correctly and this is a vague
- recollection -- during the course it was one of
- 11 those that falls under the false confession which is
- reiterating to somebody that they had to have done
- it, or we think you did it, you had to have done it,
- and it goes from I didn't do it, well, I don't think
- I did it, I don't think I could have done it, to
- yeah, I guess maybe I could have done it, and then
- 17 creates like a false memory of it.
- 18 That's the only one I can think of. And
- 19 again, it wasn't my case. It was just one when I
- 20 was running that unit that I know came up.
- 21 Q So, is it fair to say then to your
- 22 knowledge while you were working for the Los Angeles
- 23 Police Department that proved claims of false claims
- of false confessions or coerced confessions, they

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- to tell you what are the type of things that cause false confessions, the circumstances that go into a false confession.
- 4 I'm not looking at the rate as to how many
- 5 confessions are false as to how many are not, 6
- that sort of thing. The rate, especially
- 7 now that I'm retired from the job, it's a 8
- number, but again I'm more interested in how 9
 - they got to that point, rather than where it
- 10 falls on a statistical scale.
- 11 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) While you were working for
- 12 the LAPD for thirty-three years, had you ever
- 13 encountered or learned of any cases in which it was
- 14 found that an officer or detective had coerced or
- 15 fabricated a suspect's statement?
- 16 A Yes, I've -- well, I don't want to lump
- 17 them all in. I know of a case, and this goes back
- 18 to when I was running the cold case unit. One of
- 19 the serial killers that was discovered in those
- 20 review of cases, his name was, if I remember, Chester
- 21 Turner. And in the -- I want to say the eighties
- 22 and the nineties he was doing murders up and down --
- 23 it's a main street in Los Angeles called the
- 24 Sepulveda Corridor.

were more rare than they were more often?

- A Within our department, yes. But, I can't speak to -- I mean Los Angeles -- as you've pointed
- out, my career has been with Los Angeles. I can't
- tell you with surrounding communities and
- nationwide. I'm not looking at statistics. I mean
- 7 to me one is too many.
- 8 But, you know, the fact that they are few
- and far between is actually -- or if they were few
- and far between based on statistics, I don't know,
- is more of a comfort to me than anything else.
- 12 Q Are you aware of any cases in which three
- co-defendants confessed to a crime and all three
- 14 statements were found to have been false thereafter?
 - A I cannot think of one.
- 16 Q When you were working as a homicide
- 17 detective -- actually, let me just ask this more
- generally. Did the LAPD Unit while you were working
- 19 there, did they have a polygraph unit?
 - A Yes.
- 21 Q Okay. And while you were working as a
- 22 homicide detective, have you ever sent a suspect to
- 23 get a polygraph examination?
- 24 A We've brought them down for polygraph

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- 1 examinations. They're a good interrogation tool. I
- 2 don't know how much I buy into the science of it.
- Q So, you said that you have done it before, 3
- 4 like your own personal experience, is that right?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q In those instances -- well, let me just
- 7 ask, has that been more than once or just one time
- 8 that you've done that before?
- 9 A As I recall, one, maybe two. Like I said
- 10 we did not do -- again, I'm not a big proponent of
- 11 the polygraph. So again, it's a tool to, you know,
- 12 talk to somebody afterward when they take a
- 13 polygraph. But I don't generally use it -- I never
- 14 used it as a procedure in my cases.
- 15 Q Those one or two times that you sent a
- 16 suspect down to the polygraph unit for an
- 17 examination, are you aware if that polygraph
- 18 examiner questioned the suspect at all before taking
- 19 the exam?
- 20 A The procedure we had, we would come down,
- 21 we would brief the polygraph examiner as to what the
- 22 case was. We would develop the questions that we
- 23 thought would be most effective. They would do the
- 24 polygraph exam, and then afterward the polygraph

- Page 300 1 presenting the case. They may have a difference in
- opinion as to how reliable the information is, or
- how reliable the interviewee comes across. It is
- ultimately their decision as to what gets presented
- 5 at court.
- 6 I have input into it but I have no
- 7 decision with regard to it. So, if I find a
- statement that is unreliable and they find it
- reliable, they may put it in. And we've had it go
- 10 the other way where I found something reliable, and
- the ADA didn't like the statement that was taken,
- 12 and that witness was never called.
- 13 So, I mean ultimately it's their call. We
- can present the information, but they're a hundred
- 15 percent in charge of what goes into the case for
- 16 prosecution.
- 17 Q Would you agree that the ADAs involved in
- 18 the case, it's up to that person or those people to
- determine whether the length of custody of the 19
- 20 suspect is appropriate or not?

that person for arraignment.

21 A The ADA can't veer from the law. I mean

know of throughout my career to extend beyond

forty-eight hours. If you're arrested, you have a

certain amount of time to book that person into

custody, and then you have forty-eight hours from

that point or two business days actually to present

I don't know of any situation that I've

10 throw the caveat in there -- short of somebody - you

13 hospitalized in which case you may arrest them and

book them, but arraignment is put off because

beyond the forty-eight hours, short of -- I will

say your suspect is injured prior to or during

arrest where it's sufficient that they're

they're physically unable to show up.

had to deal with where we were given an extension

- 22 we arrest somebody, we have forty-eight hours. We
- can book them, we have forty-eight hours for them to
 - appear at arraignment. There is no mechanism that I

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- 1 examiner who was a sworn officer and one of the
- detectives would go in and we would do the
- interview.
- 4 But you also have to understand our
- 5 polygraph -- when someone is polygraphed, those are
- 6 also recorded.
- 7 Q Understood.
- 8 A Not just -- I'm sorry, let me say this and
- 9 I'll just jump in there, another verbal asterisk.
- 10 And when I say recorded, I'm talking not just the
- 11 record that comes out of the polygraph machine
- 12 itself. Physically the room is recorded.
- 13 Q Okay. I know you previously mentioned
- 14 that an ADA when it comes to Los Angeles County
- 15 wouldn't typically obtain statements from suspects
- 16 in your presence. That would typically be the
- 17 detective obtaining the statement, is that fair?
- A Yes. The ADA can be there, but we do the 18
- 19 interview and the ADA is present.
- 20 Q Okay. So, would you agree that it's
- 21 ultimately up to the ADA to determine if the
- 22 statement that you obtained is reliable or not to be

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- 23 presented as evidence at trial?
- 24 A Well, they make the final -- they're

- But, short of that, there's no mechanism 17 involved for an ADA to extend beyond the forty-eight
- 18 hours the custody time for us to hold somebody.
- 19 Q Okay. And I just want to go back to that
- one or two occasions in which you had a suspect
- submit to a polygraph examination. In either of
- 22 those two instances did the suspect confess to the
- 23 crime?
- 24 A No.

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1 Q Okay.

- 2 MR. AINSWORTH: Natalie, I'm showing you
- 3 have about forty minutes left remaining in the
- 4 period.
- 5 Q (By Ms. Adeeyo) I'm going to turn back now
- 6 to Page 44 of your report, the last paragraph here.
- 7 It states, "The critical examination of the facts of
- 8 this case would tend to support the concept that
- 9 Fulton and Mitchell were not involved in the murder
- 10 of Christopher Collazo, and therefore, any
- 11 confessions were untrue."
- 12 As part of your retention in this case as
- 13 an expert, what would you say it was your task to
- 14 do?
- 15 A To examine and assess the investigation.
- 16 And again, with regards to this as I said before,
- 17 this was the sentence that I was looking for when
- 18 you had asked me a question earlier where I'm
- 19 saying, tend to support the concept that Fulton and
- 20 Mitchell and Shaw for that matter were not involved
- 21 in the murder of Christopher Collazo. And what I
- 22 should have included in here is based on the theory
- 23 of the case and the investigation as it stands.
- 24 If there is some other information that

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- 1 talking about again, the bus, the phones calls that
- 2 didn't exit, the hospital sign-in record, the
- 3 hospital video, the apartment video. All of that
- 4 points to the fact that somehow between 10:30 and I
- 5 would say at latest 12:00 o'clock, maybe even
- 6 quarter after 12:00 or 12:30 depending on how long
- 7 this was supposed to have taken for all these things
- 8 to have occurred, John Fulton could not have been
- 9 there as he was at either the hospital or his
- 10 apartment building. He physically didn't have enough
- 11 time to get from the South Side where he was or near
- 12 South Side, I'm not sure how you would define it
- 13 not being from Chicago, but up to that location and
- 14 back down and do all those other things that were
- 15 involved.

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- 16 What I'm saying is, that impression that
- 7 the confessions that they made were untrue is based on
- 18 this theory, and what they said within the confessions
- 19 couldn't have been done. So, those confessions,
- 20 they're not supported by any facts.
 - Q Did you consult any -- well, strike that.
- 22 From the time from which you were retained
- 23 until you drafted this report, did you consult any
 - 4 literature or research articles regarding false

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- 1 they could have gleaned that somehow -- somehow they
- 2 were involved outside of this time frame, that
- 3 wasn't shown to me. But based on the information
- 4 that was a presented here to ASAs and presented in
- 5 this case, there is nothing in this investigation
- 6 that tells me as it stands and as the theory goes,
- 7 that they were involved in this, again, based on
- 8 this information.
- 9 Q As part of your retention in this case
- 10 did you consider one of your tasks to be to determine
- 11 if Fulton, Mitchell, and Shaw gave a truthful
- 12 confession?
- 13 A It's to assess everything within the
- 14 investigation. And their confessions are part of
- 15 that investigation. And again, based on all the
- 16 physical evidence that -- the exculpatory physical
- 17 evidence, I don't see how their version of
- 18 confessions, again, in this situation with an
- 19 ongoing, unbroken time frame from the time of the
- 20 alleged abduction and beating until the body is
- 21 located in the alley with all the information and
- 22 all the theories that were purported with that time
- 23 frame, I don't see how those confessions could be
- 24 true just based on the exculpatory evidence. We're

- 1 confessions?
- 2 A No. I've read books in the past and I've
- 3 read articles in the interim with regards to false
- 4 confessions. But, I think I quote -- well, two
- 5 paragraphs above you can see, Effective Interviewing
- 6 and Interrogation Techniques is a textbook that I
- 7 have digitally, that I have reviewed before and I've
- 8 read sections of it before and I have other books on
- 9 memory, perception, interrogation, interview that
- 10 have sections on false reporting -- or I'm sorry,
- 11 false confessions that I've gone back and looked at,
- 12 but anything -- this is the one that I used for this
- 13 section within the report.
- 14 Q Have you ever conducted any studies, offered
- 15 any reports in the past regarding the various ways
- 16 police departments in major cities perform homicide
- 17 investigations?
- 18 A I've worked with agencies, other agencies
- 19 as you can see from the first page of my CV. I used
- to -- I've slowly actually fully gone into my
- 21 retirement, but I was an investigative consultant
- 22 for the National Center for Missing and Exploited
- 23 Children. I've been a former consultant -- actually
- 24 I'm still current but it's just we haven't done --

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- 1 the agency hasn't done much, the American
- 2 Investigative Society of Cold Cases. They submit
- 3 different homicide cases to that group. They farm
- 4 them out. There's a number of us that review the
- 5 cases and send it back, so I get an idea of how
- 6 those different agencies handle homicide cases.
- 7 Again, I did the assessment for Chattanooga.
- 8 I've done teaching in both Topeka, Kansas,
- 9 and Columbus, Ohio for homicide and violent crime
- 10 investigation. And again, like I said, while I was
- 11 with the Los Angeles Police Department, more
- 12 specifically robbery/homicide division, we would
- 13 have agencies that would come in and request our
- 14 help.
- 15 And if we had out of state follow-ups to
- 16 do, we would go to those units and we would talk to
- 17 investigators from those units. And in that
- 18 exchange we would find out how they do certain
- 19 things, what the laws are in those cities and
- 20 requirements by their departments. So, we would
- 21 learn in that way.
- 22 So, there's a number of different ways
- 23 that I've gotten information as to other agencies,
- 24 how they do their homicide investigations.

- 1 QUESTIONS BY MS. ISAAC:
- 2 Q This is Carolyn Isaac. Mr. Bub, it is
- great to meet you. I am counsel for City of Chicago
- in this matter and I will be quick.
- 5 Let me start out by asking whether you --
- whether all of your opinions that you rendered in
- this matter are included in your report?
- 8 A Yes. And I only say that reservedly
- because I get kind of OCD and I will be thinking
- 10 about this after we do it, and something may occur
- to me that I forgot to put into a report. But as
- 12 far as I know, this is -- this is everything.
- 13 The only thing that I think Ms. Adeeyo had
- mentioned when I talked about stomach contents, that
- 15 had occurred to me post submission that I wanted to
- make sure that you were aware of with regards to 16
- 17 that. But I believe all my opinions are within
- 18 the report at this point.
- 19 Q I did not see any opinion in your report
- 20 regarding the training that the Chicago Police
- 21 Department gives to its officers. Did you render
- 22 and write an opinion on that topic?
- 23 A Not an overall opinion, but I do list that
- Geberth's Practical Homicide Investigation, and I do 24

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- Q Have you conducted any studies, empirical
- 2 studies, in which you gather information as to how
- different police departments conduct homicide
- 4 investigations?
- 5 A No, ma'am. I've not done any empirical
- 6 studies.

- 7 Q Did anyone assist you in drafting your
- 8 expert report?
- 9 A No. As I told Mr. Ainsworth, if somebody
- had, maybe they would have caught a number of the
- 11 grammatical errors that embarrassed me after I
- 12 turned it in and one of the re-readings came up
- 13 with. So, no. Or obviously that two sentences
- 14 would have been at the end of the paragraph where
- 15 they belonged, rather than in the middle of the
- paragraph that you pointed out earlier. 16
- 17 Q Did anyone assist you in reaching the
- opinions you came to in this report? 18
- 19 A No, ma'am. These are my opinions and my
- 20 opinions only.
- 21 Q Okay. I'm going to turn it over to my
- 22 colleagues now. Thank you, Mr. Bub. Thank you for
- 23 your time.
- 24 A Sure.

- Page 309 1 list some training material that I had from a prior
- case with regards to the City of Chicago
- investigation. I think there's a quote within the
- report itself that I use because it's Chicago that
- these detectives they all -- I believe they've all
- attended a basic detective course or a homicide
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- course during the course of their employment as detectives, so that they would have had -- my
- impression is that they have that material. It's
- been available to them, it's been taught to them, so 11 they should know those particular quotes that I have
- 12 in my report with regards to, you know,
- 13 communication, recordkeeping, you know, maintenance
- 14 of the investigation itself.
- 15 Q Thank you. That is all I have, Mr. Bub.
- 16 I'll turn it over to Mr. Branum if he has more
- 17 questions.
- 18 QUESTIONS BY MR. BRANUM:
- 19 Q Yes, I have a few questions.
- 20 A The video keeps switching, I was looking
- one direction and then you jumped to a different
- 22 place.
- 23 Q Is it fixed any? Is it still doing it?
- 24 A No, no, you're there. It's just it was

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1 kind of strange to have it switched around.

- 2 Q Are you an attorney?
- 3 A No. sir.
- Q Are you currently or have you ever been a 4
- prosecutor?
- 6 A No, sir, I have not.
- 7 Q Are you currently or have you ever been an
- Assistant State's Attorney or Assistant District
- Attorney? 9
- 10 A No, sir, I have not.
- 11 Q Have you ever received any education as it
- 12 relates to being a prosecutor, Assistant State's
- 13 Attorney, or Assistant District Attorney?
- 14 A I would say nothing formal. I mean just
- 15 what you learn sitting in as an investigating
- 16 officer from patrol on through working, dealing with
- 17 DAs, learning what they want in a case.
- 18 But I would not purport to be able to
- 19 prosecute a case, but I generally know what a
- 20 district attorney for me, state's attorney for you,
- 21 would be looking for in a case with regards to
- 22 certain evidence, admissible and inadmissible
- 23 statements and those sort of things, but not formal
- 24 training, no.

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- can work with a District Attorney in
- determining what other things would be needed for a case, what would be needed to be shored
 - up in a case.

I can look at cases based on my experience working with district attorneys as to what they might be looking for.

One of the things that I would always tell when I would train homicide guys, homicide detectives, is that the thing that I would say is sometimes you're hardest sell is going to be a DA. You're almost going to walk in and present a case to the filing DA to get it past the filing stage. So, you had better know how to defend your case the same as you would -not the same but similar to what a prosecutor is going to have to do in court.

So, I mean those skills, can I present a case, can I explain what's been done, can I explain how the evidence fits together to a district attorney in order for them to file a case? If that's -- if you are defining it in that way with regards to a skill to presenting a case, that's the overlap that I would have.

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- 1 Q What about formal education?
- 2 A Aside from -- again I have a degree in
- Criminal Justice, but that's not in any way, shape,
- or form a legal training. I have the Bachelor's
- 5 Degree and that's it.
- 6 Q So, you would agree that you don't have
- 7 any formal education as it relates to being a
- prosecutor or Assistant State's Attorney or
- 9 Assistant District Attorney?
- 10 A No, sir, my expertise comes from knowing
- 11 how to conduct an investigation and follow-ups and
- 12 the proper procedures there, and things that should
- 13 be done with regards to an investigation.
- 14 Q Do you have any skills as it relates to
- 15 being a prosecutor or Assistant State's Attorney or
- Assistant District Attorney? 16

- A You would have to define skills in that
- way. What are you referring to when you say skills? 18
- 19 Just the dictionary definition of the word 20 skills.
- 21 MR. AINSWORTH: Object to the form of the 22 question.
- 23 THE WITNESS: I would not purport to be
- 24 able to file a case or prosecute a case, but I

- Q (By Mr. Branum) In your report you
- reference the term "tunnel vision" a number of times.
- Could you explain what you mean by that phrase?
- 4 A Tunnel vision is -- we used to have an
- expression, you have to go where the case takes you.
- You cannot make the facts fit your theory, the
- 7 theory has to fit the facts.
- 8 And as you go, and I believe one of the
- paragraphs from the Geberth textbook says you have
- to be strong enough -- and I'm paraphrasing this --
- you have to be strong enough to realize when you're
- wrong and when to take the case in a different 13
- direction.
- 14 When things are not making sense, when the
- 15 contradictions are too great, when exculpatory
- evidence is too much that your theory cannot support
- 17 it, you have to be able to back off and say, okay, I
- 18 need to go a different direction, this is not
- 19 working.
- 20 Tunnel vision is when someone takes that
- 21 initial focus and veers not a scintilla from it,
- when they will look at, as in this case, they will
- 23 look at the motive, a potentially righteous motive
- 24 for the retribution for the robbery, but you elect

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- 1 that that's the only possible motive that somebody
- 2 could have had for killing Christopher Collazo, even
- 3 when the investigative information would have taken
- 4 you in a different direction.
- 5 Q This theory of tunnel vision that you've
- 6 just described, do you know if it's ever been
- 7 tested?
- 8 A I haven't looked at -- I've never seen any
- 9 studies. I've just seen it in practice from other
- 10 detectives, from other people in general.
- 11 Q Do you know if this theory of tunnel
- 12 vision has ever been subjected to peer review?
- 13 A I'm unaware.
- 14 Q Do you know if this theory of tunnel
- 15 vision has been evaluated in light of potential
- 16 rates of error?
- 17 A I wouldn't be able to tell you.
- 18 Q Do you know if this theory of tunnel
- 19 vision has ever been accepted in the scientific
- 20 community?
- 21 A Not my bailiwick, sir, I don't know. I'm
- 22 going from experience in seeing it happen.
- 23 Q Do you know if this theory of tunnel
- 24 vision has ever been accepted in the criminal

1 exculpatory didn't.

2 And I think it was his quote where he said

3 if Fulton could provide me there in that room

4 evidence that he wasn't guilty, then I would take

5 it. And this was after Fulton told him here is the

6 evidence, it's going to be on the video here.

Now, I mean if McRay is trying to imply

8 that Fulton is going to be walking around with

9 security video in his pocket, I find that would be

10 outlandish. My assumption is ASA at the time McRay

11 was saying, if you can provide me with something

12 solid that I can sink my teeth into to say that you

3 didn't do it, which Fulton did.

And the fact that he said that the
admission/confession was so reliable that he didn't
believe the exculpatory information that Fulton was

17 giving him. I believe that was ASA McRay.

18 Q Any other examples in your report of McRay19 Judge suffering from tunnel vison?

MR. AINSWORTH: Object to the form of the question.

THE WITNESS: I would have to review the report again. I'm -- as you can probably tell,

I'm long-winded. It's a 59 page report. I would

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1 investigation community?

2 A I know it's accepted among homicide

3 detectives and detectives, even with regards to

4 patrol officers, that information is gleaned and

5 someone focuses on a particular suspect to the

6 exclusion of other things.

7 So, I mean is it accepted in the law

8 enforcement community? Yes, I've talked to a number

9 of people nationwide who have all had stories of

10 somebody that just refused to believe that their

11 theory was not correct.

- 12 Q Did you include this in your report?
- 13 A That statement? No.
- 14 Q Is the concept of tunnel vision something
- 15 that a lay person could understand?
- 16 A I would hope so, yes.
- 17 Q Do you have any examples of McRay Judge
- 18 suffering from tunnel vision in your report?
- 19 A I would say in -- excuse me, I'm trying to
- 20 think back to some of the quotes that I have within
- 21 the report. I believe he was asked at one point to
- 22 opine on why he was so focused, and he said the
- 23 alibi didn't matter to him, that pretty much only
- 24 the inculpatory information. He believed that the

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have to go back in and look specifically for anexample.

3 But I also think he may have been one of

4 the ones that was asked what about the case

5 made him so sure, and again he went back to

6 relying on the uncontested statements with

7 regards to the robbery in February, and that

8 bled over into believing that any of the

9 confessions that were made because they were

made by these people, there was no problem with

them. And to me that's another form of tunnel

12 vision is he let it bleed in there, and he

13 focused on these guys based on other information

that he had to the extent of ignoring the

exculpatory information and the exculpatory

16 evidence.

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Q (By Mr. Branum) Any other examples in your report of McRay Judge suffering from tunnel vision?

19 A Not that I recall from the top of my head.

20 Q Any examples of Andrew Varga suffering

21 from tunnel vision in your report?

22 A I have to remember -- I don't believe I

23 have an example of Varga, a specific example. I'm

trying to think because I know that each of the

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- 1 investigators as far as I know except for D'Angelo
- 2 who is the one that took the video deposition or the
- 3 video statement of Mitchell, but I think the rest --
- 4 everyone had supposedly reviewed all the reports and
- 5 been briefed by the detectives with regards to all
- 6 the information that was available, and to not be
- 7 able to -- again, to me they're focusing on the
- 8 statements that were given and the reliability of
- 9 the statements, that no one critically looked at the
- 10 other information that I've talked about here and in
- 11 the report with regards to whether the physical
- 12 actions were -- I'm sorry, the confessions were
- 13 supported by any physical actions or physical
- 14 evidence.
- 15 Q But, specifically as it relates to Andrew
- 16 Varga, do you have any examples?
- 17 A No. Off the top of my head I don't know
- 18 that I've got an example within the report.
- 19 Q As you understand it, what is the standard
- 20 to charge someone with murder?
- 21 A To charge someone with murder? Probable
- 22 cause.
- 23 Q Do you agree that the police present the
- 24 information to the assistant state's attorneys to

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 1 supposedly during that same time period when she had
- 2 no access to a phone was taking or making phone
- 3 calls to John Fulton while he was driving from the
- 4 South Side to the North Side, where there's no
- 4 South side to the North side, where there's no
- 5 physical evidence that those phone calls ever
- 6 happened whether from John Fulton's Nextel cell
- 7 phone which was apparently never looked at, to the
- 8 phone records, to again the physical reality that
- 9 she was at a friend's residence and/or on a bus
- 10 and/or in a cab where she had no access to -- she
- 11 didn't have a cell phone, she had no access to a pay
- 12 phone. She couldn't have been called.
- 13 So, I mean the attorneys, the ASAs during
- 4 their review kept saying that they were -- they had
- 15 reviewed all the reports and all of that information
- 16 was with -- and they had been briefed by detectives.
- 17 All that information was possessed by the detectives
- 18 and was within at least the handwritten report from
- 19 Johnnitta Griffin and the interviews conducted by the
- 20 detectives, all that information was there for them to
- 21 assess and process.
- 22 Q Do you agree that assistant state's
- 23 attorneys must rely on detectives for information?
 - A Yes, for the most part. Aside from again

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- 1 allow charges to be filed?
- 2 A Do I believe that they presented the
- 3 information to the state's attorney?
- 4 Q No. Do you agree as a general proposition
- 5 that it's the police who present the information to
- 6 the assistant state's attorneys to allow charges to
- 7 be filed?
- 8 A Yes, in general it's information from the
- 9 investigation with regards to the filing of charges.
- 10 But as in this case, you also have the attorneys
- 11 that are acting as investigators when they're going
- 12 out into the field, they're going through interviews
- 13 with the suspects. They interviewed the suspects
- 14 afterward and they're getting contradictory
- 15 information. They're getting statements where the
- 16 suspects are saying that what they told the police
- 17 are lies. They give them alibi evidence. And the
- 18 attorneys also have the information because they've
- 19 stated that they've also reviewed all the reports
- 20 within the investigation and those reports should
- 21 tell them logically again -- and I'll go back to
- 22 Johnnitta Griffin, the fact that her timeline from
- 23 when she left her residence, went to a friend's
- 24 residence and that then -- and that she was

- Page 321 the interviews that we just talked about where they
- 2 sit down and they're getting information from a
- 3 witness directly and they're doing a handwritten
- 4 statement.

- 5 I mean my impression would be that a
- 6 state's attorney is not -- and no offense to the
- 7 court reporter -- is not a secretary or just a
- 8 reporter where they're taking the words down, because
- 9 they're going to be processed or prosecuting or
- 10 they're going to be presenting this for another
- 11 attorney to prosecute, that they would not have
- 12 questions of the detective or of the witness to
- 13 address contradictions between what they have been
- 14 told by the detectives and what the witness is now
- 15 telling them. So that the statement that they take,
- 16 the handwritten statement that they take from the
- 17 witness is the most accurate interpretation or story
- 18 that has been given them.
- 19 Q Now, going through your report you seem to
- 20 point out what you consider a number of discrepancies
- 21 or omissions. For example, you know,
- 22 whether it was a laundry bag versus a plastic bag,
- 23 Fulton stating he had alibi of taking his girlfriend
- 4 to the hospital, security video from the apartment

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1 complex, the bus schedule, no definitive time of

- death, all of this information was known to Fulton's
- 3 criminal defense attorneys, correct?
- 4 A Yes, I believe so.

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- 5 Q And all of this information could have
- been presented at trial, right? 6
 - A I was asked to -- I believe the short
- 8 answer to your question is yes. The long answer is
- 9 I don't know. I wouldn't tell a defense attorney
- 10 how to handle a case anymore than I can tell a
- prosecutor how to handle a case. They present their 11
- 12 defense as they wish to. They had the information.
- 13 What I'm saying is I don't know that or I
- 14 don't believe that this case would have gotten to
- 15 that point based on the information that I had, even
- 16 into March 22nd, much less when the phone records
- 17 came in in April and the other things that hopefully
- 18 that the detectives should have done that they
- 19 learned with regards to the bus and the other items.
- 20 I don't know that two years later or three
- 21 years later in 2006 that I would have gone forward
- 22 with this case. I can't remember, one of the
- 23 detectives even said in his deposition that if you
- 24 have information that shows that somebody is not
- 23 24

- Page 324 A Yes, as I recall Shaw did not testify.
- And do you recall that Shaw's statement
- played no role in the criminal trial of Fulton and 3
- 4 Mitchell?

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MR. AINSWORTH: Object to the form of the question. Go ahead and answer if you an.

THE WITNESS: Well, yes, it didn't play a role in that. But, again, I was not hired to examine whether the trial was put on correctly or whether the defense put on a correct defense.

What I'm looking at is what the detectives knew and where the detectives should have gone with the investigation. That's my focus, that's my expertise.

So, the detectives had that information, they did the interviews. The state's attorney's office had that information. Acting upon it before trial is something that I feel should have been done.

What happens at trial and how a defense attorney conducts a defense or how a prosecution conducts his prosecution at trial is not anything that I am going to opine on.

The closest I will come is the interaction

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- guilty of a crime, it's your duty to present that
- information. And that just wasn't done here.
- 3 Q Do you agree that this information was
- 4 presented at trial and considered by the Jury?
- 5 MR. AINSWORTH: Object to the form of the 6 question. Go ahead and answer.
- 7 THE WITNESS: I've read through -- I know
- 8 that some of the information was presented at
- 9 trial. And ultimately yes, a guilty verdict
- 10 was rendered.
- 11 Q (By Mr. Branum) Do you agree that Shaw's
- 12 statement was not presented to the Jury?
- 13 A Yes, I know that that was -- it was
- 14 excluded by the judge prior to trial, and that the
- 15 case against Shaw was therefore dropped by the
- state's attorney's office. 16
- 17 Q Are you also aware that Varga did not
- 18 testify at the trial?
- 19 A I don't recall -- I don't know if he did
- 20 or not. I don't recall reading any trial transcript
- 21 from him, so I would accept that unless somebody
- 22 sends me and shows me wrong on that. But, yeah, as
- 23 far as I know I don't think he testified.
- 24 Q And do you agree that Shaw did not testify?

Page 325 between myself and a prosecutor up to trial and

- 2 assisting the prosecutor at trial with whatever
 - follow-up during the trial might be required of me.

But as to whether a defense attorney is

- 6 putting on a proper case or the prosecutor is 7
 - putting on a proper case, that's not something
- 8 I can opine on.
- 9 This is me looking at the investigation
- 10 and the information that was had prior to going
- 11 to trial. And again with that information, I
- 12 would not have pressed forward. I would not have
- 13 pressed a state's attorney to take this to
- 14 trial based on the information that I've 15
 - reviewed.
- Q (By Mr. Branum) Based on your review of 16
- 17 the records, do you agree that Judge told Rubinstein
- 18 about Fulton's confession and recantation?
- 19 A I'm sorry, you'll have to excuse me. We
- were talking about court and I thought you said that
- 21 the judge told them. You're talking about McRay
- 22 Judge --

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- Q McRay Judge.
- A McRay Judge told Rubinstein. I know that

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- 1 there was ambiguity in their depositions as to
- 2 whether it was done. I think McRay said as a matter
- 3 of course, he does. And Rubinstein said he thought
- 4 he did, but there was no assurety either way as to
- 5 whether they did or not.
- 6 But again, Rubinstein, I think he -- he
- 7 addressed it in his memo, and I think McRay knew
- 8 about it because he's the one that -- or he had
- 9 information on it, so I believe they both knew about
- 10 it.

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- 11 Q Do you agree that Judge made suggestions
- 12 on what might be done to further the investigation?
 - A Yes, that was his terminology, that he
- 14 can't direct the detectives to do anything, that he
- 15 can only make suggestions which to me that's kind of
- 16 a -- my personal opinion is that's a minimization
- 17 because in actuality as a state's attorney, you have
- 18 the final say on whether a case is going to be filed
- 19 or not.

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- 20 So, if a state's attorney or a district
- 21 attorney would tell me, well, I suggest, you know,
- 22 how about you guys go out and do this, to me it
- 23 lends more power in that I'm not going to get a case
- 24 filed unless I do these things.

- Page 328 1 memo that was sent to the state prison. She still
- 2 reiterated that the phone calls -- I think I've got a
- 3 quote toward the end of the report where she's
- 4 continuing to alloge that the phone calls that were
- 4 continuing to allege that the phone calls that were
- 5 made were verified during the robbery and the
- 6 murders. And we know for a fact that those phone
- 7 calls never existed based on the phone records.
- 8 She made reference to the abundance of the
- 9 evidence, and when asked about it, the only thing10 she was actually able to grasp was her relying on
- 11 the confessions that were made.
- 12 She had to dismiss that there was no match 13 with the duct tape. There was no real physical --
- 14 what was the other thing, I think the bus schedule.
- 15 But, in lieu of all the exculpatory evidence, they
- 16 insisted and I believe -- I think her time frame was
- 17 the abduction occurred sometime between 9:00 and
- 18 10:30, when we know for a fact John Fulton was not
- 19 at that location between 9:00 and 10:30.
- To me that's tunnel vision with regards to
- 21 whether it's conviction or not, it's exculpatory
- 22 evidence. And that tunnel vision, that carried
- 23 through post conviction.
 - Q Does that sentence refer to any other

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- So, you know, again I say it seems like a
- 2 minimization to say, well, I suggested but I have no
- 3 power over them when in actuality you have the power
- 4 by whether you can file a case or not.
- 5 Q But, for example, Fulton's alibi, do you
- 6 agree that Judge made suggestions on what might be
- 7 done to investigate that?
- 8 A Yes, I believe he told the detectives to
- 9 go and get the security video from the hospital and
- 10 the apartment building.
- 11 Q And the police did that?
- 12 A They did from the hospital, but not from
- 13 the apartment building.
- 14 Q On Page 11 of your report, the first
- 15 sentence of the fifth paragraph, let me know when
- 16 you're there.
- 17 A Go ahead.
- 18 Q It says, "This tunnel vision carried over
- 19 to the Cook County Assistant State's Attorneys."
- 20 A Yes
- 21 Q What state's attorneys are you referring
- 22 to?
- 23 A Nazarian. It's evidenced in her post
- 24 conviction -- I don't know what the term is, the

- 1 state's attorney?
- A I think -- I would have to go back and
- 3 look. I don't want to say definitively yes or no.
- 4 Again, it's a 50 page report. I apologize, I am the
- 5 author.

- 6 But again, Rubinstein, the same thing.
- 7 The report that Ms. Adeeyo, sorry, I wanted to make
- 8 sure I got the name right, I don't want to insult
- 9 anybody -- that Ms. Adeeyo put up with regards to
- 10 Rubinstein saying that there were two buses, and
- 11 that the ball of flame, not like what you would
- 12 expect.
- 13 A lot of language that only went back to
- 14 them having committed the crime, and again
- 5 everything having to do with the crime had to have
- 16 been done somewhere between 10:30 and 12:00 o'clock,
- 17 or even you are to believe that Fulton, Mitchell,
- 18 and Shaw did it between 10:30 and 11:18, or if the
- 19 time stamp on the hospital security video is wrong
- 20 as much as maybe 10:30 to I1:30, that all those
- 21 things would have had to have happened within that
- 22 hour because I believe in that report he also says
- 23 that after all this is all done, that they
- 4 returned -- that Fulton returned to the hospital to

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1 pick up Henderson.

2 And they know by the time the trial came

- 3 around, the security video from the apartment
- 4 building was in their possession which showed him
- 5 going into the apartment after leaving Henderson at
- 6 the hospital, leaving the apartment building to go
- 7 pick her back up, and then returning right around
- 8 midnight with Henderson and going up to the apartment,
- 9 all of which makes everything during that time period
- 10 virtually impossible to have been accomplished. And
- 11 yet this is -- at the end of the investigation, he's
- 12 still purporting that that's true.
- 13 He didn't have the apartment building
- 14 information, but he had the rest. And without
- 15 physical evidence showing that you could perform all
- 16 those functions within a one hour time period, there
- 17 had to have been -- there should have been question
- 18 involved. And especially when you consider -- I'm
- 19 sorry, when you consider -- I keep forgetting to
- 20 mention -- the fact that the body is found at 3:00
- 21 o'clock in the morning with accelerant -- the smell
- 22 of accelerant still there, the fire being noticed
- 23 because of the fireball according to Sid Taylor
- 24 during his criminal trial testimony. Nobody went

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- State's Attorney's Office because it did carry
- 2 over into state's attorneys. I did not specify
- 3 which ones.
 - Q (By Mr. Branum) If we go to Page 12, this
- starts at the second line at the end, it starts with,
- "Prosecutors can refuse to file charges unless
- additional investigation is completed." Do you see
- 8 that?
- 9 A Page -- what, could you direct again? I'm
- 10 not sure where you're --
- 11 Q The second line toward the end. It starts
- 12 with, "Prosecutors can refuse to file charges unless
- 13 additional investigation is completed."
- 14 A We're talking Page 12?
- 15 Q Yes.
- 16 A I'm not seeing -- you're saying toward the
- 17 end. Can you tell me which paragraph because I'm
- 18 not finding that sentence.
- 19 Q It's the second line, at the end of the
- 20 second line.

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- A Oh, I see, I'm sorry. I thought you said
- 22 -- you meant toward the end of the sentence.
- 23 Correct.
- 24 A I got it. Yes.

- 1 back to see if that was even physically possible
- 2 that a body would smolder for three hours, no one
- 3 questioned that. Everyone focused and said, yes,
- 4 their statements are reliable and they didn't spend
- 5 any time really investigating the forensic aspect to
- 6 see if it supported their case.
- 7 Q Does the first sentence of the fifth
- 8 paragraph of Page 11 refer to anyone else? 9
- A At this point I can't tell yes or no, I'm 10 not sure.

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- 11 MR. AINSWORTH: We have five minutes 12 remaining, Mr. Bauman.
- 13 MR. BRANUM: Well, the witness by his own 14 admission is long-winded.
- 15 Q (By Mr. Branum) Well, if you go to Page 12 16 --

17 MR. AINSWORTH: We got seven hours here. 18

You guys decided on how to use your time. THE WITNESS: Looking at the statement I

- think what I'm referring to more here is as a general area that it continued. It probably
- 22 would have been better for me to have phrased 23 it the Cook County Assistant State's Attorney's
- 24 Office or members of the Cook County Assistant

- Q Isn't it true that this is exactly what
- 2 Judge did in this case?
- 3 A Yes, he did on -- I think it was Wednesday,
- but again, we're talking about then a time frame when
- upon that -- the legal time frame of forty-eight
- hours. At that point in my opinion Mitchell should
- 7 have been released rather than held again until I
- 8 think it was either Rubinstein or -- I don't recall
- who it was ultimately that filed the charges.

10 He refused to press charges, but he also 11 did not order anyone to release them, pending a re-arrest or more information being obtained.

- 13 Q And when Fulton recanted and gave an 14 alibi, Judge did not approve the charges, correct?
 - A That's correct.
- 16 Q And Judge required the police to complete 17 additional investigation?
- 18 A Well, now you're saying he required, but
- 19 his own words he said he suggested, he minimized.
- 20 So, he didn't require -- by his own suggestion, he
- didn't require anything. He's saying he suggested,
- 22 but he did not do anything to cause Fulton to be
- 23 released based on, you know, the legal time frames
- 24 involved.

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- 1 Q But, the police did, in fact, go and look
- 2 for tapes from the hospital, correct?
- 3 A They did look for tapes from the hospital,
- 4 yes.
- 5 Q Would you go to Page 15, under the "Basis"
- 6 section, the third paragraph.
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q It says, "Detectives and Assistant State's
- 9 Attorneys neglected to obtain, or attempt to, an
- 10 accurate time of death for Collazo." Which --
- 11 specifically which Assistant State's Attorneys are
- 12 you referring to in that sentence?
- 13 A In that sentence, I think you would have
- 14 to go further into the report, and it's the bottom
- 15 of Page 16 where Rubinstein -- one of the things
- 16 that you should be doing again is establishing a
- 17 time of death.
- 18 And the last paragraph on Page 16 where it
- 19 says -- where they're talking about their separate
- 20 time estimations. And what I'm referring to here is
- 21 the ability to go back and ask the detectives as
- 22 you're saying that they told them to go or suggested
- 23 going back and getting the hospital security tapes
- 24 and the apartment tapes, where they're writing that
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 - the crime occurred in the late evening, early morning
- 2 hours.
- 3 In the video -- that's Rubinstein where
- 4 the video of D'Angelo, he stumbles over and says
- 5 occurred on March 9th at approximately the evening
- 6 hours.
- 7 ASA Varga in -- I can't -- noted, but he
- 8 wrote that it was during -- near Foster and Rockwell
- 9 during the early morning hours. And I think the
- 10 last one is Nazarian, and this is that official
- 11 statement of facts that was sent to the prison where
- 12 she writes that Fulton and two co-defendants made
- 13 plans to retaliate and carry out those plans on the
- 14 night of March 9th to March 10th, and at some point
- 15 after 10:30 or before 3:00 a.m., on March 10th.
- 16 All of those are opportunities -- all of
- 17 those ASAs had the opportunity to go back and look
- 18 at the detective even as far ahead as when they
- 19 wrote we're going to a state's attorney and
- 20 performing the same functions that I had suggested
- 21 for the detectives in the case which is to go back
- 22 to Dr. Kalelkar and have her go through her records,
- 23 to call Officer Winston, the bomb and arson expert,
- 24 to get other experts that would be able to look at

- Page 336 1 the photographs, any of the evidence, the physical
- 2 evidence at the time, and say what can we make of
- 3 this, can we narrow down the time of death, stomach
- 4 contents, whatever lividity they had, they missed
- 5 the opportunity for body temperature, but to still
- 6 go back and at least make an attempt to narrow it
- 7 down, rather than just accept that there's this five
- 8 hour window which actually plays against their
- 9 theory of the crime, when you consider that the body
- 10 is found at 3:00 o'clock in the morning and trying
- 11 to somehow assume that this body -- if Fulton is
- 2 returning to the hospital at 11:18 or 11:30 at
- 3 night, that this body then was somehow in the alley
- 14 on Peoria between 11:30 at night, burning until
- 15 3:00 o'clock in the morning.
 - Q (By Mr. Branum) I'm about to wrap it up.
- 17 MR. AINSWORTH: Okay.
- 18 Q (By Mr. Branum) That information that you
- 19 just talked about regarding the state's attorneys,
- 20 that's information they're getting from detectives,
 - right?

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- 22 A Well, getting from detectives, yes, but
 - 3 also in their depositions and I believe in trial
 - 4 testimony, all of them said they had reviewed
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- 1 reports that were available. And in Nazarian's
- 2 case, she had every report going all the way up
- 3 until trial.
- 4 So, I mean all of this stuff -- I'm
- 5 presuming as state's attorney's these are all very
- 6 bright men and women that they can apply a certain
- 7 degree of logic at least as much as myself to say,
- 8 look, some of these versions don't fit together,
- 9 when what Johnnitta Griffin is saying her time frame
- 10 doesn't fit with this, let me take a look at John
- 11 Fulton's phone, let me see if, you know, we can see
- 12 on his phone whether those phone calls are made.
- 13 Those are all things that the state's
- 14 attorneys going up until March 22nd, those are all
- 15 things that they could have asked to be done.
- 16 Again, when Rubinstein and Judge met on at least one
- 17 or two occasions where they discussed everything,
- 18 they had hours in the overlap, in that time frame,
- 19 to talk about things, to talk with the detectives,
- 20 and to update themselves on the investigation. And
- 21 they focused on the same information that got pushed
- 22 all the way through 'til trial.

- Q Do you recognize the name Eugene Shepard?
- 24 A I believe he's a -- he was a -- I don't

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1 know if he still is, a Cook County state's attorney	1 STATE OF)	
2 investigator.	2 COUNTY OF)	
3 Q And is it correct that you do not have	3 I, ROBERT J. BUB, do hereby certify:	
4 anything written about Shepard in your report?	That I have read the foregoing deposition transcript;	
5 A No, I don't believe I addressed Shepard	5 That I have made such changes in form and/or substance	
6 in my report.	6 to the transcript as might be necessary to render the	
7 Q Does your report contain	7 same true and correct;	
, ,	8 That having made such changes thereon, I	
8 MR. AINSWORTH: We're past seven hours.		
9 Q (By Mr. Branum) Okay. I got two questions	9 hereby subscribe my name to the transcript.	
10 and then I'm done. Does your report contain all	10 I declare under penalty of perjury that the	
11 your opinions as to McRay Judge?	11 foregoing is true and correct.	
12 A The same answer I gave Ms. Isaac before,	12 Executed this day of,	
13 you know, my mind continues to work. But, at this	13 2023.	
14 point in time, yes, every opinion that I have at	14	
15 this point is contained in the report.		
16 Q Does your report contain all your opinions	16 Robert J. Bub	
17 as to Andrew Varga?	17	
18 A Pretty much the same answer. Again, as	18	
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19 far as I know, I tried to include everything with	20 Notary Public	
20 regards to Varga in my report.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
21 Q Thank you. I don't have any more questions.	21 My commission expires:	
22 MR. AINSWORTH: All right. We'll reserve	22	
23 signature.	23	
24 MS. ADEEYO: I'll order the original.	24	
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